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Happy Earth Day to all creatures

MAGGIE SAMWAYS
Metro World News

Albert Einstein famously predicted that if bees were to cease to exist, humans could last only four years after the last bee died.

A shocking estimation, but these pollinators truly make

our ecosystems work

What's frightening is that the world's pollinators, predators, prey, vegetation and oceans that we rely on for food, oxygen and water are at risk.

Which is precisely why Metro is dedicating this year's annual Green Metro to the topic of biodiversity — a term

that, quite simply put, means the vast variety of plants, animals and natural resources found on Earth. Like bees.

So read on — and plant a garden. Ride your bike. Remember the oceans, the bees, the worms — they are your neighbours ... and our heroes.

Think globally, act locally

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax

SMALL STEPS Earth Day isn't just for "tree huggers" anymore, although there's nothing wrong with wrapping your arms around a lonely maple or pine today, and even better, planting a new one to keep it company.

Here's how some Haligonians are taking similarly small steps today to make a big difference tomorrow.

- Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly is launching the HRM Smart Car Fleet Program at 1 p.m.

- The Children's Clean Air Network and The Salvation Army are kicking off an idle-free education campaign.

- Halifax Citadel-Sable Island MLA Leonard Prerya is hosting a "fun and informative" celebration from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Victoria Park.

- The Nova Scotia Nature Trust is holding a Walk for Water with Aveda at 9 a.m. in the parking lot off Point Pleasant Drive.

- The Friends of the Halifax Common are hosting the first annual Earth Day Commons Cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon.

- The Nova Scotia Community College Institute of Technology Campus on Leeds Street is testing car emissions with white socks and holding a light bulb exchange.

- Staff and students across Halifax regional school board are doing their part, from property cleanup at Auburn Drive High to a used clothing drive at Humber Park Elementary.



Both Maritime concert stops for The Musical Box: A Trick of the Tail were cancelled yesterday due to health reasons in the band. The Musical Box was to play the Halifax Metro Centre on May 1. Refunds are available at point of purchase. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local

Lithuanian celebration

The Lithuanian yacht Ambersail is arriving in Halifax Sunday as part of a worldwide tour to mark the Lithuanian Millennium, the first recorded mention of the name Lithuania. Festivities begin Sunday at 1 p.m. with a welcoming ceremony at Queen's Wharf on the Halifax Waterfront. The Ambersail is travelling to 20 countries as part of its tour. **METRO HALIFAX**

Hijacked passengers come home

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for Metro Halifax

CanJet Airlines said yesterday it will conduct an internal review after one of its planes was hijacked this week at a Jamaican airport, putting passengers and crew alike through a terrifying ordeal that could have had deadly consequences.

The Halifax charter service said in a news release it wants "to ensure we continue to provide the safest and most secure air travel possible."

All 174 passengers and eight crew members who walked aboard Flight 918 late Sunday night in Montego Bay walked off unharmed yesterday morning. Forty of those passengers stepped back on to Canadian soil shortly after midnight yesterday, arriving in Halifax looking weary but relieved.



Tracey and Chris Fralick console their 13-year-old daughter Tamara, who arrived at Halifax Stanfield International Airport early yesterday morning. Tamara was a passenger onboard CanJet Flight 918, which was taken over by a gunman in Montego Bay, Jamaica, Sunday evening.

"It was horrifying," a visibly shaken Brenda Grenier of Dartmouth told television reporters

after reuniting with her family. "The man had a gun and wanted to kill people."

Hatchett Lake woman Leanne Shaddock and her daughters were sitting a few rows away from the

gunman. She told CTV News the crew should be credited with reacting quickly, including a flight attendant who ushered everyone to the back of the plane.

Some of the other passengers continued on to Cuba, while the crew arrived in Halifax on a separate flight late Monday night.

CanJet said tired crew members were being debriefed yesterday. Provincial RCMP spokesman Sgt. Mark Gallagher added yesterday the Mounties met with the crew briefly and may take statements. "If there's a need to assist the Jamaican authorities, then we will."

The airline said it's providing counselling services for its staffers, adding it's "proud of the professionalism and selflessness the crew displayed under extremely difficult circumstances."

Buying into greener power

ENERGY Nova Scotia Power has signed a deal to purchase a wind farm with enough capacity to power 15,000 homes.

The Nuttby Mountain wind farm, located 20 kilometres north of Truro, is currently owned by Calgary-based EarthFirst Canada Inc. EarthFirst is currently under creditor protection and has been trying to sell the project since August 2008.

The project has a maximum capacity of 45 megawatts. The deal includes land leases, transmission interconnection rights and provincial environmental approval.

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New protected area designated

ENVIRONMENT Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area is Nova Scotia's newest protected wilderness region.

The province made the announcement yesterday for the 1,312-hectare Crown land adjacent to Bayer's Lake Business Park. The wilderness designation prohibits any development, forestry and mining.

The province announced in 2007 that Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes would be designated a protected area, and that is now finalized after consultation with the public, interest groups and the municipality.

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Cobequid Pass Crash aftermath



Toll booth operator James Mills rests in the QEII hospital in Halifax from injuries sustained in an accident on Monday, in which a tractor collided with his booth on the Cobequid Pass. Mills calls himself lucky to be alive after the incident which injured three people.

Firefighters, bus drivers on council's agenda

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CHANGES City hall is making changes to how it deals with firefighters and bus drivers.

Halifax regional councillors had a long in-camera session yesterday to discuss the recent suicide of a Metro Transit bus driver after a high profile incident, and a human rights complaint against the Halifax regional fire department.

"That's gone back to staff ... and they will come back as to how they believe is best to keep council informed."

Mayor Peter Kelly

The complaint, lodged by an association representing black firefighters, alleges they face a hostile work environment. The fire department never told council about the complaint, and was not required to do so under current rules.

Council decided yesterday to change those rules so

Hum takes leap, Sportsplex gets study

• Rockingham Wentworth Coun. Debbie Hum is the newest councillor to make the leap into provincial politics. Hum will seek the Progressive Conservative nomination for the riding of Halifax-Clayton Park.

Last month the provincial Liberals announced Jim Smith, councillor for Albro Lake-Harbourview, would seek the nomination for their party in Dartmouth North. Smith won the nomination at a meeting late last month.

• Halifax Regional Council moved a step closer to a multi-million-dollar upgrade to the

Dartmouth Sportsplex without even needing to do anything last night.

Sportsplex operators want to build a 47,000 square foot fieldhouse to expand recreational room and provide space for trade shows. It's projected to cost between \$8 and \$10 million, but the first step is a \$100,000 study for planning.

The Harbour East Community Council unanimously approved spending the \$100,000. Council was set to debate it yesterday, but because it fits into the Community Facilities Master Plan, the money has already been worked into the 2009-10 budget.

That means the study will go ahead unless council chooses specifically to remove it from the budget.

they couldn't be kept in the dark in the future. The exact rule change isn't yet known.

"That's gone back to staff as of this afternoon, and they will come back as to how they believe is best to keep council informed," said Mayor Peter Kelly.

Council also ordered a review of Metro Transit policies after a driver commit-

ted suicide over the weekend, one day after being fired. Kelly said the review would cover that and other high-profile incidents in recent months.

He said the goal of the review is to make sure drivers have proper supports and that there is a solid process to deal with "issues that may arise from any points of concern."

News in brief

FATAL ACCIDENT A 14-year-old girl and a 49-year-old woman are dead following a head-on collision between two cars on Route 4 in Cleveland, around 9:15 p.m. Monday. A third female teenager was sent to the Strait Richmond Hospital by ambulance with what are described as serious injuries. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

BEAR SPRAY An 18-year-old has been charged with assault with a weapon and assault causing bodily harm after two youths were sprayed with bear spray yesterday afternoon at Cole Harbour Place. The RCMP arrested the 18-year-old a short time later and the teen will appear in Dartmouth court today.

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What's online today.

Video Tamil protesters rally on Parliament Hill, at metronews.ca/Canada
Video Hijacked flight passengers reunite with family, at metronews.ca/canada
Blogs Kenya Hunt weighs in on the Susan Boyle makeover debate. The Britain's Got Talent contestant wowed audiences with her amazing voice despite a less-than-stunning appearance.



Grant buys more books

Halifax Public Libraries have added more books to the shelves after collecting a \$10,000 grant from the Democracy 250 Legacy Fund. More than 400 items were added due to the grant. They cover subjects such as politics and government in Nova Scotia and Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

Halifax school shows big improvement

Halifax West climbs in rankings

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
For Metro Halifax



Halifax West High School is slowly climbing its way up the list of Nova Scotia schools graded annually by the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies.

"Halifax West continues to edge its way ever so gently into the top ranks," Charles Cirtwill, executive vice-president of the local think-tank, said of the seventh such report card released yesterday. "It moved ... from probably the bottom half of schools back four or five years ago, and now they're sixth overall."

The Clayton Park school scored a solid B+, making it one of five schools in the province to improve by three grades over five years.

"They're keeping kids in

schools, (and) they're doing well in terms of getting them prepared for those provincial assessments," Cirtwill said.

Top scoring schools are also succeeding at preparing students for post-secondary education, he said, one of the outcomes measured on the report card. Other outcomes include attendance rates and student grades.

Cirtwill said not all Halifax area schools are doing as well. Cole Harbour District High School is one of the lowest schools on the list with a C grade.

Millwood High School in Lower Sackville only managed a C+, but Cirtwill said "that's progress," since it received a C grade last year. Charles P. Allen High in Bedford is the top school in HRM, with an A-final grade.

Memorial Holocaust victims remembered



Mark Stein reads from a list of Holocaust victims during a remembrance event at Victoria Park in Halifax. Several events throughout the city were held yesterday to honour Holocaust Memorial Day.

News in brief

COMPLAINT Halifax Regional Police is investigating a complaint from an 11-year-old Bedford girl who says she was asked if she wanted a drive home by a older male she did-

n't know while walking home from Basinview Elementary School yesterday. The incident happened between 3 and 3:30 p.m., with the girl saying no to the request police are calling

suspicious and the driver taking off. The suspect is described between the ages of 17 and 19. He was driving a dark blue convertible.

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Teen charged after car chase

CHASE A 16-year-old male was arraigned in youth court yesterday on several charges after the driver of a stolen vehicle took police on a short pursuit in Dartmouth resulting in damage to three police cruisers.

Just before midnight Monday, Halifax Regional Police say they spotted a stolen vehicle in the north end of Dartmouth where the driver failed to stop. A shot pursuit ensued off Victoria Road, with the vehicle stopped on Chappell Street where three male suspects were arrested.

Before stopping the vehicle, police say the driver rammed several police units as he tried to flee. There were no injuries.

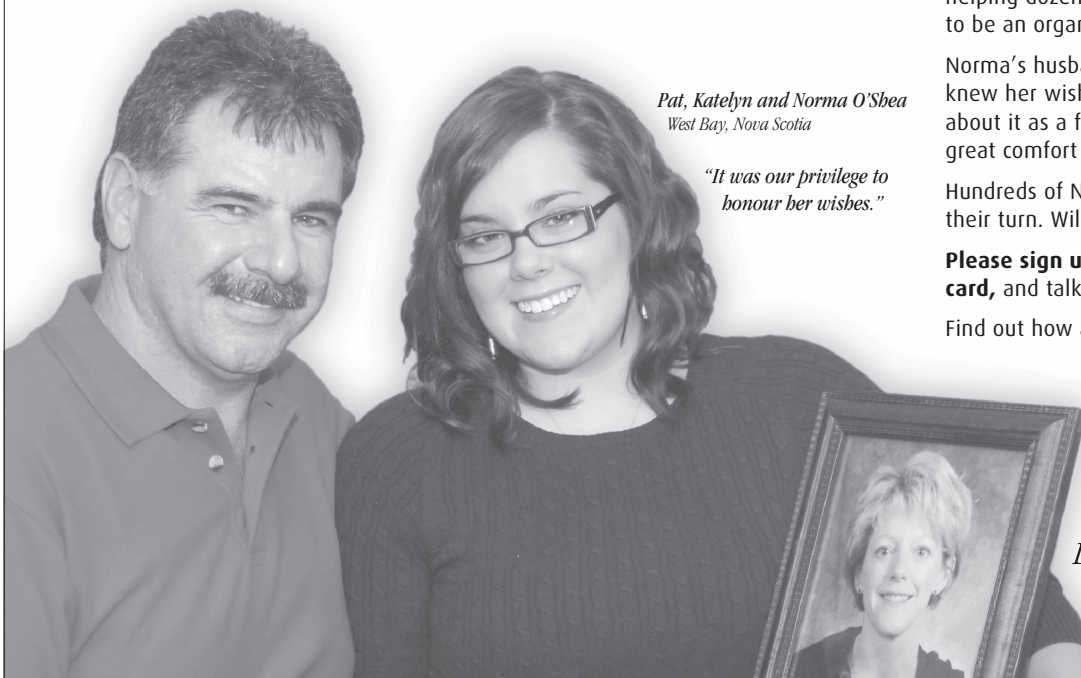
Const. Jeff Carr of HRP however said there was significant damage done to a Dodge Durango police vehicle.

The 16-year-old driver is facing charges of possession of stolen property, fleeing from police and dangerous operation of a vehicle. Both passengers, 32, are charged with joy riding and will be in court at a later date.

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A Mexican family currently living in Whitehorse will be allowed to stay in Canada a few more months after federal authorities granted an extension on a deportation order that would have required them to return to their native country tomorrow. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Don't boo U.S. anthem: Gainey

Bob Gainey has appealed to Montreal Canadiens fans to stop booing the U.S. national anthem. The Canadiens coach and general manager said fans who booed during Star-Spangled Banner ahead of Game 3 of their playoff series against the Boston Bruins should find other ways to voice their support. "I feel like there's a confusion there with our fans," Gainey said. "They feel like booing the anthem is supporting our team, in that the anthem represents the Boston team." **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada rebukes U.S. terror claims

BORDER The Canadian government moved yesterday to correct U.S. homeland security chief Janet Napolitano after she wrongly said some of the perpetrators of the 9-11 attacks had crossed into the United States from Canada.

Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan — who met with Napolitano in March — said his aides had contacted her office yesterday after she made the remarks.

"She was well aware at that time (in March) and understood clearly that none of the 9-11 terrorists came across the Canadian border into the United States ... We confirmed with her office this morning that she continues to be well aware of that," Van Loan told reporters. **REUTERS**

Ottawa Pro-Tamil protest



Tamil protesters call for the Canadian government to intervene in the Sri Lankan conflict during a demonstration near the Centennial Flame in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. For 16 days, Tamil supporters from Ottawa and other cities have held demonstrations in the capital.

BLAIR GABRIEL/REUTERS

Iggy goes to D.C.

Liberal leader to take part in Afghanistan discussion

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff is off to Washington to take part in an exclusive and high-level discussion on the future of Afghanistan.

Ignatieff will join Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and other diplomats and security experts at a closed-door, invitation-only meeting tomorrow looking at stabilizing the region through measures such as negotiating peace with the Taliban, reining in Pakistan, shutting down rampant drug production and closer co-operation with Russia, Iran and other neighbouring states.

The Liberal leader is participating as an international human rights ex-

Experience

- Ignatieff has first-hand experience of the Taliban's reign in Afghanistan, having flown into Kabul on one of the first flights after the ultra-Islamic movement took power in 1997.

pert, said Jill Fairbrother, his spokesperson. But he feels compelled to attend this event in particular because of what he perceives as the absence of the Conservative government in the debate about the future of the war-torn country.

"(He's attending) this one because he has something to say and the Canadian government hasn't

been participating in this dialogue with the U.S., and he believes we should be," Fairbrother said.

The Tories have hired high-powered communications operatives, such as former White House press secretaries Ari Fleischer and Mike McCurry, spokespeople for George W. Bush and Bill Clinton respectively, to land Prime Minister Stephen Harper interviews that will let him raise Canada's profile in the U.S. media.

But the government refused to follow the U.S. lead and name a special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan to better co-ordinate the future of the Afghan mission, drawing criticism in many quarters.

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News in brief

CRIME A decrease in the number of break-ins sparked a drop in the severity of overall crime in a 10-year-period, while the seriousness of violent crimes remained stable, according to

a new report by Statistics Canada. The agency used a new crime index, which tracks changes in the severity of police-reported crime. It assigns each offence a weight. Accord-

ing to the index, overall crime severity fell by about 20 per cent from 1998 to 2007, driven by a 40 per cent drop in break-ins, said the report.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

RCMP takes new approach

TASER INQUIRY The RCMP, in the closest it has come to acknowledging any mistakes, will tell an inquiry into actions of its officers in the death of Robert Dziekanski that "there are things that they would do differently," says Commissioner William Elliott.

The head of the Mounties, in his first sit-down newspaper interview after 21 months on the job, made clear he is not condemning the four officers, especially in light of a recent comment by the British Columbia's attor-

ney general that charges could still be laid.

But it was also clear the RCMP is attempting to take a different approach after months of stonewalling and steadfastly sticking to the official version of events that was made public immediately after the Polish immigrant's death — that he was "combative" and officers acted in self-defence — and is now contradicted almost daily.

"We will make submissions to the inquiry," said Elliott. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Aide says he gave lift to Schreiber

INQUEST Brian Mulroney was so keen to see former arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber that his special aide gave Schreiber a lift to the prime minister's official summer residence, a public inquiry was told yesterday.

"I recall that meeting occurring ... because I drove Mr. Schreiber to Harrington Lake," Paul Smith, Mulroney's executive assistant from 1991-93, testified regarding the June 23, 1993, meeting.

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Venezuelan opposition leader seeks asylum in Peru

Venezuela's top opposition leader, Manuel Rosales, has fled to Peru to escape corruption charges he says are in retaliation for criticizing Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. **REUTERS**

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World



An ANC election poster is seen on public toilets in Kliptown informal settlement a day before the South African election yesterday.

Big turnout called for at South African polls

Jacob Zuma called for a huge turnout for South Africa's election today to give his ruling African National Congress an overwhelming mandate in its toughest test since the end of apartheid.

Zuma is expected to become president after the ballot of 23 million South Africans, but the ANC risks losing the two-thirds majority in parliament it needs to change the constitution in the face of a new

opposition party formed by ANC dissidents.

"We anticipate a massive turnout and we expect that the people of this country will once again give the ANC a huge and decisive mandate to work together with them to further improve their lives," he said.

Zuma, who had corruption charges against him dropped this month, declined to comment on his potential cabinet.

Businesses are worried

Zuma may veer away from policies credited with delivering years of economic growth because he owes his rise to forces such as the trade unions on the left of the party. Zuma has given assurances there will be no dramatic change of direction.

Opposition parties have been trying to capitalize on growing frustration with poverty, crime and AIDS, as well as concern about corruption. **REUTERS**

Sri Lankan troops move in on Tamil Tigers, 62,000 flee

CIVIL WAR Sri Lankan soldiers battled into the last redoubt of the rebel Tamil Tigers yesterday as the exodus of people fleeing the war zone reached more than 62,000, the military said.

The Red Cross warned the situation was "nothing short of catastrophic" and urged both sides to prevent further mass casualties among civilians, saying hundreds had been

killed in the past 48 hours. The military's noon deadline for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) to surrender passed without word from the separatists, who vowed no surrender hours later.

Sri Lanka's military, in what it dubbed the world's largest hostage rescue operation, went in to keep the stream of people moving and give troops a clear shot at the LTTE. **REUTERS**

Obama nudges Israel on Palestine

ISRAEL U.S. President Barack Obama nudged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday to accept the goal of a Palestinian state, as he pressed Israel and the Palestinians to "step back from the abyss."

Deepening his role in reviving peace efforts, Oba-

ma met Jordan's King Abdullah, and set up talks with Netanyahu, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

He seized the chance to reassure Abdullah of his commitment to a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. **REUTERS**

News in brief

NATO Russia yesterday pulled out of a meeting with NATO military commanders set for next month but said it would stick to plans to resume formal political ties, a Russian diplomat said. **REUTERS**



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Lose weight, save planet

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Happy Earth Day. If you're looking for something useful to do today (other than picking up a free coffee), you might try checking if you can see your toes.

It turns out the world's population is getting fatter, and that adds to the already heavy load on the planet, greenhouse gas-wise.

No, the problem is not excessive flatulence, although I expect that doesn't help. The problem, according to British researchers from the London School of Hygiene

and Tropical Medicine, is the fatter we get, the more likely we are to use our cars to get around and the more fuel those cars have to burn to haul our sorry butts around.

There is no doubt the species is increasing in bulk. Between 1994 and 2004 in England, the average body mass index (BMI) increased from 26 to 27.3 for men and 25.8 to 26.9 for women. I regret to report that anyone with a BMI of more than 25 is considered overweight, and over 30 is obese. In Canada two-thirds of the population is

overweight and one-quarter is obese. South of the border, birthplace of the Big Mac, 40 per cent are obese.

The British researchers estimate one billion lean people will emit one billion fewer tonnes of carbon dioxide a year than one billion fat people.

So how's that for an incentive? Lose weight; save the planet.

I confess I've already been inadvertently saving the planet. I

started losing weight this January when I realized there was no way I was going to run the

Vancouver Marathon in time to qualify for the Boston Marathon, the Holy Grail of marathons, if I continued to weigh in at a porky 205 pounds. So now I weigh 179, with a

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BMI of 24.3. Mother Earth has yet to send me a thank-you card even though I check the mail every day, but I guess she's pretty busy shouldering the increased load.

OK, maybe she won't notice the reduction, but you've got to start somewhere. I have to admit I haven't felt this, uh, bounce in years. It may not be enough to beat four hours in the marathon on May 3, which is what I need to do to qualify for Boston, but lumbering around the streets of Vancouver for 26 miles at 205 pounds is no fun. For so many reasons, light is right.

So Canada, I dare you. Take the challenge: Look down. No toes? Then it's time to get off the couch, get out of the car, and put one foot in front of the other. Take a load off Mother Earth ... and yourself.

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HAPPY EARTH DAY!



Worth mentioning

Plug in cars clean, but face many hurdles

Although the U.S. is pushing the use of plug-in hybrids, cost and infrastructure hurdles could keep them out of the mainstream for years.

The cars, which sip gasoline and are low in greenhouse gas emissions, have large batteries which can be recharged at home with an extension cord.

The big batteries allow plug-ins to depend more on electricity, the use of which emits less carbon dioxide per unit of energy than petroleum products do, even if the power comes from coal, said Dan Santini, an expert at the Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory.

The federal government is pushing development of plug-ins. U.S. President Barack Obama has set a goal for the U.S. to put one million plug-in hybrid cars on the road by 2015. Obama's stimulus plan had \$2 billion for development of batteries. Unfortunately, bigger

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batteries are expensive, take four to eight hours to recharge and have limited range, so many owners will want to charge them at home and at work. That means a network of charging stations would have to be built for the cars to catch on.

The good news is the U.S. should have plenty of electricity capacity. Mike Waters, an efficiency expert at Progress Energy said a "smart grid," that can send information from power plants to customers, could soon send pricing signals to plug-in owners to encourage them to stop charging when peak power demand nears.

And though the hurdles are high, some companies could clear them as more cars are built. "The point is to get (them) on the road so we can see where the problems are and move from there," Pritchard said.

REUTERS

Word on the street: In celebration of Earth Day, what's the biggest lifestyle change you've made to help the environment?

Christine Thibeault
Halifax

A: We changed our lightbulbs to energy saving bulbs.

Rob Greenough
Halifax

A: I'm separating my trash further, plastics from organics and using the organics in our gardening.

Carolyn Slade
Halifax

A: I'm trying to remember each day to drive less ... even a little bit is going to make a difference.

Adam Travis
age 25, Toronto

A: We upgraded to a high-efficiency furnace and air conditioner.

Samantha Stricker
age 25, Vancouver

A: The biggest change I made was selling my car. I use transit, my roller-blades or I'll walk.

Ambrosia MacDonald
age 32, Edmonton

A: We recycle everything. We only throw away one bag of trash every two weeks.



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Go Green

Join in the fun

More than six million Canadians are expected to join 500 million people in more than 180 countries to celebrate Earth Day events and projects to address local environmental issues. Nearly every school child in Canada will take part in an Earth Day activity.

EARTH DAY CANADA

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Message from Metro CEO Per Mikael Jensen



To our readers,

We are the world's largest newspaper and whatever we do can impact — every week — 37 million people on four continents.

There are things that only the world's global newspaper can do. Go Green is a great example and Metro is proud to embrace such a huge cause.

And what is Metro doing to Go Green?

The philosophy behind the Metro business plan lends itself to be more green than its paid-for

colleagues. Our aim is to reach as many readers as possible with the minimum amount of copies — as opposed to that of a paid-for newspaper, where the number of copies is the key, not readers.

We print our editions on recycled paper when we can — all of our southern European editions are printed on 100 per cent recycled paper — and when we can't, we buy paper from special farms that use less water to grow their trees. We are the news in brief. It takes

us fewer pages to bring you all the news you need to read. We turn down the AC and the heat; we put our lights on special timers so they shut off when they can't detect motion.

Additionally, we've begun to explore cycling distribution and test pilot programs to increase our reach without printing more copies.

In addition to our internal and corporate efforts to be greener, as a mass media outlet, Metro can use its powerful reach to pull together our readers'

will to be green into real action by providing resources, information and communities that encourage a greener world. And our readers are ready to Go Green from across Canada, to Santiago, to New York, to Prague; Metro will be the booster.

Today's special edition is the first step.

Join us. Go Green with Metro and feel free to join the Facebook group of the same name.

KIND REGARDS,
PER MIKAEL JENSEN
CEO, METRO INTERNATIONAL

Vin-ners and losers

The changing face of wine regions

USA and Canada:

California may become too hot and too dry to produce quality wine. The same goes for Yakima Valley in Washington. The East Coast looks as if it could benefit. The same goes for British Columbia and it's Okanagan Valley.

South Americas:

Both Chile and Argentina are considered winners. The cooler sea currents in the southern hemisphere will be to their advantage, and wine growers such as the well-known Miguel Torres from Spain are buying land here.

Africa:

South Africa looks as if it will suffer less from global warming than most places. However, wine growers are looking to move to the mountains.

Australia, New Zealand:

Many districts are becoming too hot and too dry. Some of the wine growers are moving to mountainous Tasmania where the climate is cooler. In New Zealand, Central Otago on the South Island could become the world's possibly southernmost wine district.

Europe:

The warmest places are in trouble. Spain and Portugal are predicted to be those most likely to suffer. Major wine growers such as Miguel Torres in Spain are moving into the Pyrenees. In districts already affected, growers contemplate exchanging the Tempranillo with other grapes more suited to warmer climates. Italy, too, is suffering, especially

places in the south like Sicily. Some local experts advocate irrigation, which is now banned, to save vineyards in Tuscany for instance. In France, it looks as if the west and the south will be affected the most. Growers are moving into higher regions, when possible, or buying land in other countries. For instance, winemakers from the famous Champagne District in France are moving across the English Channel, buying into the chalky regions of southern England. The British Isles are basking in the sun, winemakers are multiplying, the same goes for the amount of land taken up by vineyards. Southern England could be the Champagne District of the future, some experts predict.

Other countries:

Denmark, Sweden, Finland and other countries around the Baltic Sea have so far only had amateur enthusiasts involved in wine-making. But now it is becoming commercial, with some of the wines actually exported to buyers in other countries. However, these countries will possibly still be too cool for large productions, rather they will produce interesting quality wine in small amounts.

Asia:

As surprising as it may seem, China is already the seventh largest wine producing country in the world. And some experts have their eyes on an area northwest of Beijing as one of the most promising — wines from here are already winning prizes at international fairs. So get used to names like Changyu, Dragon Seal, Great Wall or Dynasty.

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How nature can inspire design

Nature has always inspired mankind. Leonardo Da Vinci and the Wright brothers looked at birds in flight to inspire their flying devices.

In the same way, Swiss inventor George de Mestral created Velcro in 1948 by analyzing the burrs stuck to his pants and to his dog's fur after a walk in the countryside.

Today, this science has a name: Biomimicry, a word coined by American researcher Janine Benyus, who published Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature in 1997.

"Biomimicry, or biomimetics, is all about look-

"The natural world is full of hints on how to manufacture in life-friendly ways."

Researcher Janine Benyus

ing to nature for inspiration and borrowing nature's blueprints, its chemical recipes and ecosystem strategies," says Benyus.

"Why reinvent the wheel when we have optimal solutions in nature that have benefited from 3.8 billion years of field testing and natural selection?"

This idea actually appeals more and more to companies that are trying to find solutions to prob-

lems nature has been dealing with since the dawn of life, such as minimizing energy use and manufacturing without toxins.

"The natural world is full of hints on how to manufacture in life-friendly ways," says Benyus.

Nature is full of examples of adaptation, so "when we now talk about the extinction spasm, we're talking about losing wisdom, ideas that we

would not normally have thought of," says Benyus.

We can no longer take this wealth for granted. That's why the Biomimicry Institute has initiated a program called Innovation Through Conservation, asking companies to donate a percentage of their proceeds to conserve the habitat of the species they took inspiration from.

Biomimicry proves once more that the loss of biodiversity is a lot more than an animal lover issue.

NADIA LODDO
METRO WORLD NEWS
IN PARIS

Every week, 37 million people in 20 countries read Metro

Imagine if all of those readers — if all of us — banded together to change the world? What a difference 37 million makes ...

Running through the drops



When 37 million people take a five-minute shower, it only uses 3.5 trillion litres of water, compared to a 10-minute shower, which uses seven trillion litres of water.

It's exhaust-ing

When 37 million people use average sedan cars, it emits 2.59 trillion tonnes of CO₂ during the lifetime of their cars, as compared with 3.7 trillion tonnes of CO₂ if they used SUVs.

Drive me wild

When 37 million drivers leave their cars at home and commute together with their spouses/partners/neighbours, they cause the emission of 107 million tonnes of CO₂ annually, compared with 214 million tonnes of CO₂ should they decide to use their own cars.

Dot-bomb

When 37 million people do not switch off their computers after work, they use 37 million megawatt hours of electricity annually, compared to around 9.2 million megawatt hours if computers and monitors are switched off after work.

Pass it on!

When 37 million people share their newspaper (approximately 0.3 kg of paper), they save 85,248 trees

Guess who's coming to dinner?

When 37 million people use modern dishwashers with the best rating once a day, they would use 666 million litres of water, compared with 1.5 trillion litres of water used by less efficient dishwashers.

Flushed away

When 37 million people refurbish their bathrooms with low-flush toilets (six litres per flush), each flush uses 222 million litres of water, compared to old toilets (12 litres per flush), that would take 444 million litres of water to flush collectively.

Watt's up, doc?

When 37 million people change just one 100-watt incandescent bulb for a 20-watt compact fluorescent light bulb, giving the same amount of light, during one hour they would be using 740 megawatt hours of energy to receive the same lighting, compared with 3,700 megawatt hours with the regular bulb.

TV stars

When 37 million people unplug their TV sets (1 watt standby) while going to sleep, they would save 296,000 kwh per day.

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IN POLAND



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the scientific body created by the United Nations to evaluate the risk of climate change, has shown how strong an influence scientists all over the world can have on politicians and public opinion when they speak with one voice. This was proven once again in

Bio bias

World moves toward an IPCC in biodiversity

January 2005 at an international meeting in Paris by the then-French president Jacques Chirac. Over the past four years, the idea has progressed, and the creation of what will be called the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is now only a question of time. "The IPBES should work more or less like the IPCC," says Didier Babin, the researcher who led negotiations until the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) officially took over the project in February.

Just as the IPCC (which is composed of more than 2,000 scientists worldwide), the IPBES will not carry out research, but will be tasked to publish special reports that gather state-of-the-art studies conducted by recognized scientists around the

world. Its main objective is to bring about common indicators that will have an international scope and work as a bridge between the distant worlds of science and politics to make action ... and fast.

"IPCC and IPBES will probably also work together," says Babin, as there are structural links between biodiversity and climate change.

"Think about the rain forests that are immense carbon reservoirs and at the same time among the globe's major biodiversity hot spots."

IPBES will certainly have a lot to do in the next few years. A lot of hope is laid in this new panel that should be officially opened in 2010, during what the UN has already labelled the "year of biodiversity."

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Greetings, Earthlings

Founder of Earth Day comes clean on being green

Denis Hayes is the man who made Earth Day a world phenomenon. When Earth Day was launched in 1970, Hayes was its first co-ordinator and turned the environmental day into a series of events attended by 20 million Americans. Twenty years later, Hayes launched the first International Earth Day. Result:



Denis Hayes speaking at the first Earth Day event in 1970.

200 million participants in 141 countries. Today, he heads Earth Day Network, which co-ordinates Earth Day activities around the world.

Can the world become greener through a one-day event? Of course not! We have no illusions about that. What we were doing in 1970 was to get people from very different quarters to act together on problems like lead paint and highway construction. Today, too, people have to recognize that environmental problems don't stop at borders. We should start thinking of ourselves as one species.

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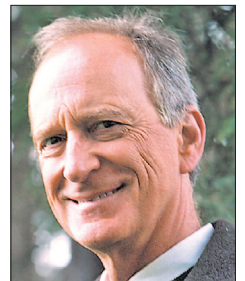
Has the world become greener since 1970? The United States has become substantially

cleaner. We've cleaned up rivers and lakes and saved endangered species. But the world is in poorer shape than it was in 1970, in almost every aspect.

What is Earth Day's biggest accomplishment?

1970 to '74 was the golden era. We passed the environmental laws on which society still operates. Since then its biggest accomplishment has been getting millions of school children involved. Environmentalism has become a part of society. In 1970, most people didn't even think about the environment. Now, it's part of everyone's vocabulary.

What will the next environmental crisis be? The growing acidification of the world's oceans. It has devastating effects on



the smallest organisms, which will have tragic consequences on the whole food chain, including humans.

What is the most immediate environmental danger today? Carbon emissions.

What is the most important thing people can do to help the environment? Have no more than one child, or two at most. Live in an energy-efficient house. Walk and ride your bike.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO

Washing in cold water can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Use cold water to wash your clothes. If every household in Canada did this, it would reduce approximately 1.5 billion kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions each year. **EARTH DAY CANADA**

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Canaries in global coal mine

Their are numerous warning signs that global warming is affecting the Earth as we know it.

Here are some examples: **Adélie penguins**

Global warming is affecting the Adélie penguin colonies in the Antarctic peninsula. Over the last 50

years, winter temperatures have risen by about 5 C in the peninsula, reducing the amount of pack ice. Pack ice directly affects the availability of algae available for krill, the main staple of the penguin's diet. Without pack ice, there is no algae and no food for krills — a direct repercussion on the penguin's diet. In the last decade, the population of Adélie penguins has declined by almost 50 per cent.

SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Bees

Scientist Albert Einstein famously said: "If the bee disappears from the surface of the Earth, man would have no more than four years to live. No more bees, no more pollination ... no more men!"

Excessive pesticide use in North America has led to a decline of up to 50 per cent of managed colonies of honeybees.

Crops such as apples, pears and berries depend entirely on pollinators for fruit production.

SOURCE: BUMBLEBEE.ORG

Coral reefs

Coral reefs provide goods and services worth about \$375 billion each year — yet the coral ecosystem covers less than one per cent of the Earth's surface.

In fishing, both the food and marine ornamental trade are often caught using cyanide, which stuns fish for easy capture. Cyanide kills the coral and many other coral reef organisms such as coral polyps. Less than half the fish caught with cyanide survive long enough to then be sold to restaurants or aquariums.

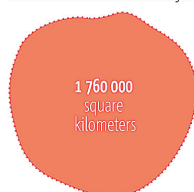
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The Great Pacific Garbage Patch

Is an area of marine debris, laying approximately 135° to 155° West and 35° to 42° North. Although it shifts every year and exact position is hard to tell. It lies within North Pacific Gyre and does not go anywhere, as it is confined by its currents.

The area

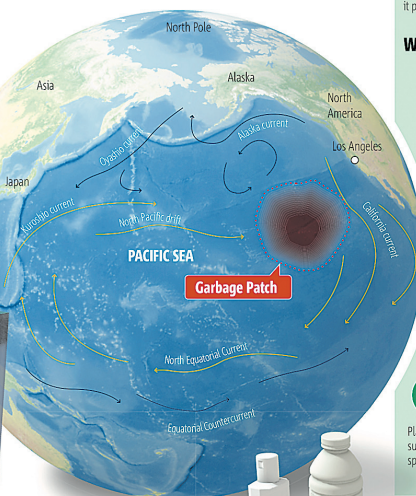
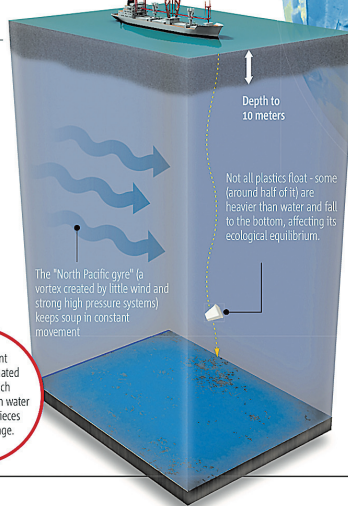
The Patch is around 2200 kilometers long and 800 kilometers wide



Almost 3 times more than Spain and Portugal combined

Plastic Soup

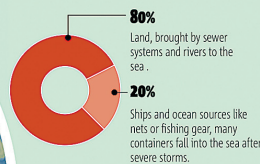
Consists of both larger and disintegrated plastic objects and particles, both on the surface, in the water column below it and on the bottom.

**Problems created by plastic:**

- It fouls beaches worldwide and scares tourists away.
- Plastic entangles marine animals and drowns them, strangles them and makes them immovable.
- Plastic litter washed ashore destroys habitats of coastal species.
- Plastic litter gets inside ships propellers and keels, making ship maintenance more expensive.
- Plastic does not biodegrade, plastic things make an ideal vessel and enable invasive species to move to further regions.

How does it form?

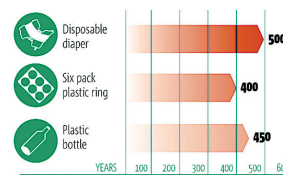
Currents in the Pacific Ocean create a circular effect that pulls debris from North America, Asia and the Hawaiian Islands. Then it pushes it into a floating pile of 100 million tons of trash.

Where does it all come from?**Interesting facts**

Less than 5% of plastic is recycled. In the Central North Pacific Gyre, small pieces of plastic outweighed surface zooplankton by a factor of 6 to 1 in 1999. But the ratio in 2010 may already be 60 to 1.

**Photodegradation**

Plastic never biodegrades, it doesn't break down into natural substances. But it goes through a photodegradation process, splits into ever smaller and smaller parts, which are still plastic.

How long does it take to photodegrade plastic:

www.SVGgraphics.com

More plastic than plankton

Our oceans are covered in patches of garbage as big as a continent

At the heart of the oceans, areas as big as France, maybe more, are covered in garbage.

The most famous of these is the Great Garbage Patch, discovered in the late 1990s in the North Pacific Ocean between the United States and Asia. But it seems that another seven similar patches may exist, according to Seattle oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer, one of the first scientists to take interest in the strange routes of plastic trash in the sea.

In his new book, *Flotsametrics and the Floating World: How One Man's Obsession with Runaway Sneakers and Rubber Ducks Revolutionized Ocean Science*, Ebbesmeyer

"From a boat, you start seeing everyday objects like toothbrushes and plastic bags on the outskirts of the vortex."

François Chartier, oceans campaign director at Greenpeace France

er explains his "science of floating objects," or "flotsametrics."

By observing trash on beaches, such as Nikes or rubber ducks, he identified several circular currents, or gyres, which, like whirlpools, bring together all the plastic and other solid garbage that ends up in the seas around the world.

Ebbesmeyer says the patches of debris may cover a surface "equivalent to several times the United States."

However, the garbage

patches are still unrecognized and neglected because they are basically difficult to see.

"From a boat, you start seeing everyday objects like toothbrushes and plastic bags on the outskirts of the vortex," explains François Chartier, director of the oceans campaign at Greenpeace France, the organization that revealed the existence of the Great Garbage Patch to the media.

"When you approach the centre of the patch, the trash is thicker and

some birds have actually started nesting on it."

But from the sky, even from satellites, there is "nothing to be seen," says Ebbesmeyer. "It's like tracking a ghost!"

Invisible plastic? Not really. The fact is that most of the pieces are quite see-through, like plastic bags. Others are fractions of bigger pieces of plastic that have disintegrated into bits as small as plankton.

"In the middle of the patch, there is six times more plastic than plank-

ton," Ebbesmeyer says.

This accumulation of plastic in the oceans is a serious menace for the environment and for human health.

"Dolphins suffocate on plastic bags, birds can die of hunger because their stomach is so full of undigested plastic that they can no longer eat," says Chartier.

But plastic also contains toxins (PCBs, heavy metals) that are harmful to humans and that are assimilated by plankton and other fish, which end up in the ocean's food chain, and, consequently, in your seafood chowder.

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Go Green

Look after the planet — and look after yourself



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Most of us see trees, gardens, maybe even some fields or a river during our daily commute. Even in the busiest city, we can enjoy some contact with nature. Whether we live in a great rain forest or an urban apartment, our livelihoods — and our lives — depend on keeping the planet's biodiversity in good shape.

The truth is, we've spent our natural capital like there's no tomorrow and now we're faced with the bill. Just as irresponsible borrowing and spending got us into the present economic recession, so we've been piling up ecological debt by consuming and wasting more and more natural resources. If you think the economy is in bad shape, take a look at the planet.

WWF's Living Planet Report tells us that three-quarters of us live in countries that are ecological debtors — using up resources faster than nature can replace them. If we carry on consuming at our current rate, by 2030 we'll need the equivalent of two planets to maintain our lifestyles. Over the past 35 years alone, we have squandered nearly one-third of the Earth's biodiversity. Not only is this hugely damaging for the environment, but it doesn't make any economic sense. One recent report estimates that forest ecosystems alone are worth around \$28 billion a year — and a lot of that money is literally going up in smoke.

“The truth is, we've spent our natural capital like there's no tomorrow and now we're faced with the bill.”

As we increasingly worry about jobs and mortgages, we may be tempted to ignore the bigger picture. But Amazon deforestation, hungry polar bears and over-fished tuna are a challenge for all of us, because protecting natural resources means better food and water security, better human health and a better chance of fighting climate change.

The good news is — we know what needs to be done and we can afford it. We have a unique opportunity to use the trillions of dollars in stimulus packages to create a green global economy that could lift us out of recession, protect natural resources and tackle global warming. The first step is to agree to a fair, fast and effective global deal on climate change in Copenhagen this December. Then, in 2010 — the International Year of Biodiversity — the UN must lead the rest of the world in taking bold steps to reduce consumption and stop biodiversity loss within 10 years.

Earth Day is a good time to think about our shared responsibility to consume and sustain the planet's natural resources wisely — after all, it's in our own interest.

Small creatures do great things

Worms provide vital services to mankind such as working land ... and fighting against global warming

What would we do without worms?

“When we talk about biodiversity, we never really mention worms,” says Denis Loyer, deputy director of the French Development Agency (AFD). “But they actually have an essential role in producing food.”

Without worms, there would be no fertile lands. Worms are actually one single long digestive tube. Feeding on organic waste, they end up excreting a powerful natural fertilizer. That's how compost heaps work!

If pesticides can be harmful to these hard-working animals, it is surprising to discover that what is really bad for them is working the land. Worms are killed by birds and by the lack of food, while UVs finish the job by destroying all other microscopic life in the soil.

“The difference is enormous: Where land is laboured, you can find up to 50 kilograms of worms per hectare against two to four tonnes on non-laboured agricultural exploitations,” says Loyer. Today, many soils are biologically dead, with no more than one per cent of organic substance.

Darwin & worms

British naturalist Charles Darwin should be remembered for more than his theory on the evolution of the species. The last book he published in 1881 shows how, by many means, he was ahead of his time. With *The Formation of Vegetable Mold Through the Action of Worms*, he opened the doors of science to a seemingly insignificant species: The worm. He had friends and scientists send him samples of worm waste to analyze the benefits of this organic fertilizer. He took his job very seriously and also studied their behaviour — he even played the piano to them to test their hearing. Worms are actually deaf.

“When we talk about biodiversity, we never really mention worms.”

Dennis Loyer

Chemical fertilizers feed plants but do not rebuild the natural capital of soils. Moreover, worms dig tunnels in the land that allow water to penetrate deeply instead of washing away wastefully — or worse, causing floods. This is why a non-laboured agriculture is being hailed as the future solution to feeding the world.

“A project we have in Tunisia shows that the farms are just as efficient, but have reduced costs thanks to less labour and less chemicals. Moreover, in dry countries, stocking water in the soil is very important,” adds Loyer. “This kind of agriculture is growing by 15 per cent per year.”

That's good news, and not only for worms. As a matter of fact, some climate change experts believe these shy creatures will also be on the front line tackling climate change.

One worm may be like David against the climate Goliath, but spread them around the world, and you get a result that may equal the benefit of stopping de-



forestation. How?

“Organic substance is basically carbon, so like trees stock carbon as they grow, increasing the quantity of organic substance in soils will develop their capacity to sequester carbon,”

says Loyer.

And we all know there's no one that can do that better than worms.

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Hilton gets subpoena over Starwood spying claims

Hilton Hotels Corp. said yesterday it received a federal grand jury subpoena for documents related to allegations that the company stole documents from rival Starwood Hotels & Resorts to develop Hilton's luxury Denizen Hotels. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Interest rate cut to 0.25%

Bank of Canada surprises markets with record-low reduction

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise by cutting its benchmark interest rate to a historic low of 0.25 per cent yesterday and saying it was prepared to keep them there for another full year in an aggressive bid to spur a slumping economy.

The central bank, in an unusual move, told markets directly to expect rates to stay at the current level until the end of the second quarter of 2010, assuming inflation remains tame.

It also cut its economic growth forecasts to reflect its view that the Canadian recession will be deeper

"I think that they are trying to engineer confidence in Canadian households and businesses that interest rates are going to stay low for the foreseeable future."

Aron Gampel, Scotiabank

than it had previously predicted. It now sees recovery starting in the fourth quarter of this year and not the third quarter, as it predicted in January.

Nonetheless, it suggested that the cumulative rate cuts it has made since December 2007 may be sufficient to help turn the economy around, and that it may not have to print

money to buy securities in the market, a policy called quantitative easing.

It will, however, set out a framework tomorrow for that kind of unconventional policy.

"It is the bank's judgment that this cumulative easing, together with the conditional commitment (to keep rates steady), is the appropriate policy

stance to move the economy back to full production capacity and to achieve the two per cent inflation target," the bank said in a statement.

A majority of primary securities dealers had expected rates to hold steady.

"Committing to keeping (rates) there for the next year is quite a startling revelation," said Aron Gampel, deputy chief economist at Scotiabank.

"I think that they are trying to engineer confidence in Canadian households and businesses that interest rates are going to stay low for the foreseeable future."

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The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

EastLink expanding:

Persona customers in Ontario and Quebec will now receive their communications and entertainment services under the EastLink brand.

Small businesses target online marketing:

A survey of Nova Scotia small-business owners revealed that more than 40 per cent plan to spend the bulk of their marketing dollars in the next year online. This could include building websites and using social media-marketing sites like Facebook and blogs.

Call centre to lose client:

A North Sydney call centre is expected to lose a client at the end of May. Michelle Steinmeyer, Up-source vice-president of operations, broke the news to workers Monday.

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In brief

GAINS Oil prices climbed into positive territory yesterday, tracking gains on Wall Street as OPEC-member Iran said the cartel may need to restrict supplies further to thin down brimming global stockpiles.

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France Continental workers raging



An employee of Continental tire factory looks at the guard post that was attacked by workers in Clairoix, France, yesterday, after learning that an attempt to block the planned closure of their plant in court had failed.

Track sale boosts CN Rail

PROFIT A gain from a track sale and other items helped Canadian National Railway Co. post a higher quarterly profit on Monday, offsetting the impact of the weak economy.

The railway remains leery of predicting when the economy will rebound, but said operational changes adopted in recent years were reflected in lower expenses in the quarter and will help even more when freight traffic rebounds.

The railway said it had a net profit of \$424 million,

or 90 cents a share in the first quarter. That compared with \$311 million, or 64 cents a share, in the same quarter a year earlier.

The profit would have been \$302 million without one-time items such as a \$157-million gain from selling a rail corridor to the Toronto area's transit operator and a tax recovery, the railroad said.

CN said revenue in the quarter was \$1.86 billion, down from \$1.93 billion, as the sagging economy caused car loadings to drop 16 per cent.

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Euro zone sees recovery ahead

ECONOMY The economic crisis may be at its worst now and a recovery could follow unless downside risks materialize, euro zone countries are likely to tell a Group of Seven meeting on Friday, a G7 source said.

The source also said the meeting in Washington was likely to declare that the G7 would do whatever it takes to stabilize the financial system, were some unexpected disaster to happen.

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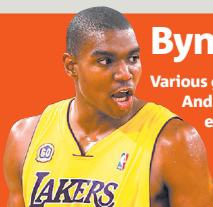
Dominik Hasek is coming out of retirement to play for his former club in the top Czech league. The 44-year-old goaltender will play next season for HC Moeller Pardubice in the town where he was born and started his career. Hasek will be the oldest player in the league. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

Bynum under Rihanna's umbrella?

Various gossip sites and bloggers are reporting that Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum is currently dating singer Rihanna. "The couple dined in Beverly Hills. When they left together, a witness reports that they looked 'very couple-y, sitting real close to each other in the car,'" said a report on The Big Lead.

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NBA

2009 Playoffs

LeBron, Cavs go up 2-0 on Pistons

NBA LeBron James scored 29 points and Mo Williams added 21 as the Cleveland Cavaliers withstood Detroit comeback for a 94-82 win last night to open a 2-0 lead over the Pistons in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Delonte West scored 20 and Zydrunas Ilgauskas 12 for the top-seeded Cavs, who built a 29-point lead in the fourth, but allowed the Pistons to get within seven late.

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Sports in brief

NBA Magic centre Dwight Howard was named NBA Defensive Player of the year yesterday. At 23, Howard is the youngest player to win the award.

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Pens put Flyers on the brink

STANLEY CUP

2009 Playoffs

Marc-Andre Fleury had an outstanding game with 45 saves as the Pittsburgh Penguins took a 3-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals at Wachovia Center.

Sidney Crosby, Tyler Kennedy and Maxime Talbot each had a goal for the Penguins, who now hold a 3-1 lead in this best-of-seven series. Pittsburgh has a chance to win the series tomorrow in Pittsburgh.



Sidney Crosby celebrates his second period goal last night.

Red Wings 4, Blue Jackets 1

Chris Osgood was terrific between the pipes again, making 31 saves, and Henrik Zetterberg scored twice as Detroit defeated the

Blue Jackets, 4-1, to grab a commanding lead in their Western Conference quarter-final series. Dan Cleary registered a goal and two assists and Tomas Holm-

strom also tallied for the Red Wings, who have won the first three games and will look to complete the sweep tomorrow in Columbus

Hurricanes 4, Devils 3

Jussi Jokinen tipped in Dennis Seidenberg's point shot at the third-period buzzer to lift Carolina over New Jersey, 4-3, and tie the series at two games apiece.

With the game tied at three in the final minute of regulation, Joni Pitkanen had the puck near the blue line and sent a pass to the right point. Seidenberg blasted a shot with only seconds on the clock, and Jokinen, providing a screen on Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur, redirected it into the net as the buzzer sounded.

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Tillman enters not-guilty plea

The general manager of the Saskatchewan Roughriders has pleaded not guilty to a charge of sexual assault. Eric Tillman was not at the provincial courthouse in Regina yesterday, but his lawyer, Aaron Fox, entered the plea on his behalf. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Soaring towards Vancouver

Strong performances bolster Sarah Conrad's chances of returning to Olympics

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With another season coming to a close, Sarah Conrad has inched a step closer to the 2010 Winter Olympics.

The Dartmouth snowboarder went out with a bang in 2009, finishing with three consecutive podium finishes, including a Canadian half-pipe title in April and a bronze medal at an FIS World Cup event in Italy in March.

She also placed fourth at a World Cup in Stoneham, Que., which earned her critical Olympic qualifying points.

Conrad, who went to the 2004 Olympics in Turin, will need another top-five finish to guarantee a spot in Vancouver, but even without that, there isn't much doubt.

"My chances are looking pretty good right now, actually," Conrad said. "I'm doing the numbers in my head and we could probably send at least three half-pipe girls. I'm pretty much tops on the list with that fourth-place in Stoneham."

Conrad, who bruised her tailbone in January and needed to wear impact shorts all winter, got off to a slow start with a 12th-place finish at the world championships in Korea. But once February rolled around — the same time of year the Olympics will be held — she started to round into form.

Conrad's results

- 12th — World championships, Korea (Jan. 23)
- 2nd — Burton Canadian Open, Calgary (Feb. 8)
- 13th — World Cup, Cypress (Feb. 14)
- 4th — World Cup, Stoneham, Que. (Feb. 24/25)
- 16th — World Cup, Spain (March 14)
- 3rd — World Cup, Italy (March 21)
- 3rd — Roxy Chicken Jam, Mammoth, Calif. (March 29)
- 1st — Canadian championship, Mont Tremblant, Que. (April 4)

She was particularly happy with a third-place finish at Roxy Chicken Jam in Mammoth, Calif., on March 29, an event that featured some of the sport's best.

"The momentum started going after the world championships," Conrad said. "All those events back-to-back was super-cool to do really well in. They were really fun times."

Conrad will stay in Squamish until mid-May, then travel to Mammoth, Calif., to continue her training for several weeks. She'll take a brief vacation to Nova Scotia in June and then it's all business as she prepares for 2010.

Said Conrad: "The biggest challenge is pushing myself without injuring myself, going as hard as I can without going too hard, peaking at the right time for the Olympics."



Dartmouth native Sarah Conrad competes during qualification for the FIS Snowboard World Cup on Feb. 13 at Cypress Mountain in West Vancouver, B.C.

Few places in Canada could host NHL outside

John Chick

metronews.ca/sports

The word is out that the NHL's next outdoor game will take place next season at Fenway Park in Boston. And with it, comes complaints from up here that the league is avoiding holding one in Canada.

Yet the reason is simple.

At this moment, there is only one outdoor stadium in this entire nation that seats more than 40,000 people — Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, the very field that hosted the NHL's first outdoor venture in 2003.

While it might make you feel warm and fuzzy to imagine NHLers taking the ice at Montreal's Percival Molson Stadium or Toronto's BMO Field, these games aren't staged to make the league feel warm and fuzzy. They are staged to maximize profit.

Some corners have said the Ottawa Senators could play a game on the Rideau Canal. My advice to them would be to not smoke marijuana before making suggestions for where the Ottawa Senators play outdoor games. A frozen waterway with 40,000 temporary metal seats? That's even more temporary seating than most Grey Cup games.

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Former CFL player tackling climate change

STEPHEN JOHNSON
for Metro Canada

Julian Radlein is not a typical environmental activist. He is a six-foot-two, 245-pound former fullback with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats who was adept at crushing opposing linebackers. But he's also one of Canada's leading advocates for environmental awareness.

Radlein enjoyed a five-year career with Hamilton from 2003 to 2007. During this time, he was active in the Hamilton environmental community. His involvement ranged from encouraging people to eat locally to performing an environmental audit at Ivor Wynne stadium. Radlein credits his interest in the environment to early exposure.

"My dad was a chemist,

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so I grew up with science and a respect for the environment. I studied ecology at UBC. I like to think of myself not as an environmental activist, but more as a survivalist. Clean air, water and soil are essential to sustaining life."

After retiring from the CFL last year, Radlein formed Evergreen Sports Programming with former Saskatchewan Roughrider Dustin Cherniawski.

The company focuses on delivering an environmental message by using football players as their spokespersons. The key-stone activity of their company is the GreenZone Sustainability Blitz



Former CFL fullback Julian Radlein started Evergreen Sports Programming after he retired from football.

— Speaker Series.

"We focus on three pillars of sustainability: Reduce, reuse and recycle," said Radlein.

B.C. Lions linebacker Javier Glatt spent his off-season presenting the Sustainability Blitz program to schools across B.C. Glatt feels the high-energy ac-

tivities of the program help to make it popular with children of different ages.

"We always start with a pep rally where the whole school comes together. There are environmental games that have students competing against the athletes. We have a water

On the web

- For more on the GreenZone Sustainability Blitz, check it out online at greenzonechallenge.com.

relay, energy challenge and waste relay. It is funny how the students always seem to win."

Glatt tries to deliver his message in a language the students understand. "When I speak to schools in Vancouver, I always ask the students to imagine if they could not see the mountains due to smog. Also, I talk about the importance of clean air and fresh grass for things like recess. When you start talking about recess being in jeopardy, all the students immediately listen." The GreenZone Sustainability Blitz is currently being presented in B.C., Alberta and Ontario.

Sports in brief

QMJHL The Memorial Cup-host Rimouski Oceanic are on the brink of elimination in the QMJHL semifinals. Rimouski lost 6-4 to the Drummondville Voltigeurs last night and trail the best-of-seven series 3-0. In the other semifinal, the Shawinigan Cataractes grabbed a 2-1 series lead over the Quebec Remparts with a 4-1 win.

CANOE-KAYAK Waverley kayaker Shaun Fair and Cheema Aquatic Club coach Mike Kerrivan have been named recipients of the 2009 Petro-Canada Fueling Athlete and Coaching Excellence awards. The program provides \$8,000 in funding for training to 50 Olympic and Paralympic hopefuls.

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Nature, Disney-Style

Disneynature revives tradition of documentary excellence

By Lori Dance

Seeking to capitalize on the recent success of nature documentaries, Disney looked back at its own long-dormant True-Life Adventures division—which not only garnered eight Academy Awards from 1948 to 1960, but also fostered fond memories for generations of schoolchildren—to inspire the first Disney-branded film label in over 60 years.

"Nature invents the most beautiful stories," says Jean-François Camilleri who, besides having been involved with the Academy Award-winning film *March of the Penguins*, is executive vice president and general manager of Disneynature. "So in a place like the Disney Studios, where storytelling is key, we are going to go and... bring them to the big screen. This was a vision of Walt Disney back in 1948, and this is the vision of Disneynature today."



Director
Alastair Fothergill

For its first film, *EARTH*, the Disneynature team looked no further than directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, the creative team behind the Emmy Award-winning *Planet Earth* series, for assistance. "I think *EARTH* is a perfect film to start the Disneynature series... because it is a portrait of the whole planet," Fothergill asserts. "In over five years, we filmed at over 200 locations in 64 countries worldwide and

employed 60 cameramen... Nobody in the history of cinema has ever had so much time, resources, and talent brought together for one true-life feature."

“ Nature invents the most beautiful stories ”

Disneynature is developing numerous titles concurrently and plans to release at least one feature-length documentary each year. *Oceans*, slated for 2010, will rely on new technology to capture detailed underwater drama where few have previously ventured. *Big Cats*, to be released in 2011, follows three species as they protect and teach their cubs on the great plains of Africa. And the directors of *EARTH* will reunite for 2012's *Chimpanzee*, shot over three years in the tropical jungles of the Ivory Coast and Uganda.

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Three Families, One EARTH

Disneynature's first film explores the animal kingdom from pole to pole

By Lori Dance

On April 22, Disney will celebrate Earth Day with the premiere of the first film in its Disneynature series. Narrated in thrilling detail by James Earl Jones, **EARTH** follows the journeys of three animal families as they interact with the ever-changing world around them.

On a group of Nordic islands is where you'll meet the polar bears. The world's largest land predators travel hundreds of miles for something to eat, yet they don't drink water. A male ventures far to hunt as a mother emerges from a snow den with her two cubs. The pack ice melts earlier each year, and food is becoming a challenge.

To visit the next family, you'll travel far south as an elephant mother guides her tiny calf across the Kalahari Desert in search of fresh water, of which an adult can drink 50 gallons each day. In this dry season, however, thick clouds of dust threaten to separate them, and they are forced to share what little refreshment they find with hungry lions.

Finally, you'll witness an epic 4,000-mile migration. In tropical waters, a humpbacked whale calf receives over 600 quarts of milk each day, but its mother is starving. The pair set out on the longest journey undertaken by any marine mammal to the southernmost Antarctic waters to feed on krill and small fish before they turn around and journey back to the Equator.

The supporting cast of this story includes, among over 40 other animal species, some painfully adorable mandarin ducklings who, at their mother's urging, fling themselves 30 feet from their nest to the ground. Will they fly? Will they bounce? You'll just have to wait until Earth Day to find out...

To check out more exclusive and super-cute behind-the-scenes footage of the film's three main families, visit disneynature.com/earth.

Trees for Tickets

Plant yourself in front of EARTH, and Disneynature will plant a tree on Earth

By Lori Dance

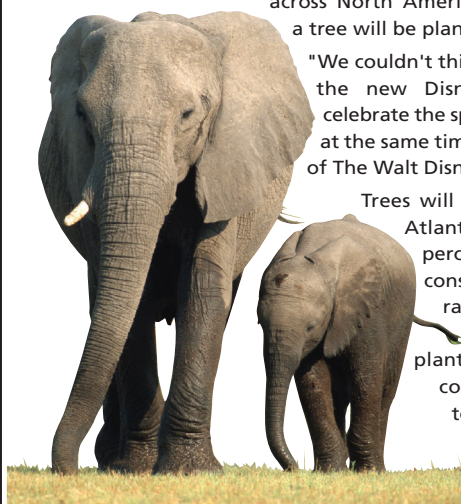
Disney and Metro have a convenient truth for you: for every ticket purchased during the opening week of **EARTH**, being released across North America on Earth Day (April 22), a tree will be planted in your honour.

"We couldn't think of a better way to launch the new Disneynature banner, and to celebrate the spirit of the film and Earth Day at the same time," says Dick Cook, chairman of The Walt Disney Studios.

Trees will be planted in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest which, at only 7 percent of its original capacity, is considered the most endangered rain forest in the world.

Disney is overseeing their planting and care, and Metro is contributing advertising space to support the program.

For more information, including ticket availability at your local theatre, visit disney.com/earth.



Metro Drive

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Canadian student car wins

A student team from Laval University in Quebec topped more than 500 students from North and South America to win the 2009 Shell Eco-marathon Americas. The team took the grand prize in the prototype division, with a combustion-engine vehicle that achieved 1,172.2 km per litre.

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Toyota Prius reinvented

Hybrid aims to win hearts without compromising green thinking

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada



I'm standing on the gas, the pedal flat to the floor and that's where it's gonna stay, fuel economy be damned.

We're leaving the flats of the Napa Valley, spiraling up into the Mayacamas, trees and rock face blurring past, engine moaning, tires gripping nicely, only the occasional peep-peep of traction and stability control warnings as I go into a hairpin corner too hot, you know, one of those corners where you almost have to look behind yourself to see where you're going. Then, back on the gas and we are clawing towards yet another curve on the mountain road.

And, no, you're not reading the wrong story.

This is the 2010 Toyota Prius, the third and latest generation of the fuel-efficient, low-emissions hybrid dear to the hearts of the 14,000 or so environmen-



The 2010 Toyota Prius has more room, more power, and, of course improved fuel efficiency.

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environmental expectations of the faithful, over 2,000 engineers worked on a product that boasts a long list of firsts along with more than 1,000 patents.

The 2010 Prius starts on the MC platform shared with Scion XB. The previous Prius had all the soulless enigma of a science project — econo car trappings and no-nonsense trim topped by a utilitarian little shifter sticking awkwardly out of the dash.

The 2010 Prius is a driver's car, with true cockpit feel courtesy of a raised console in "freeform geometric design", mounting a handsome little shifter that's so cute you just want to hang onto it. The layout is complemented by a sporty oval steering wheel, push button start, new graphic displays, soft touch padded materials, more comfortable seating and a leaf pattern grain texture on dash, door panels and fabric.

tally-sensitive Canadians who have bought one since its introduction a decade ago.

To build a car that appeals to a broader audience while staying true to the

To build a car that appeals to a broader audience ... over 2000 engineers worked on a product that boasts a long list of firsts along with more than 1,000 patents.

But enough about looks, let's get to the meat of the matter.

The Prius' Hybrid Synergy Drive is ninety per cent new for 2010. Unlike most other hybrid vehicles available, Prius has always been a "full" hybrid, allowing it to run on engine alone, battery alone, or both.

The powertrain improvements start with a bigger 1.8-litre DOHC gasoline engine. Other improvements come with the new engine, a lighter electric motor and generator, improved cooling to components, more compact battery packaging, a lighter transaxle, an improved CVT transmission and, importantly for Canada, an exhaust heat recovery system that was

winter-tested in Timmins, Ont., and that proved to provide quicker warm-up and better cold weather fuel efficiency.

The net result? Twenty-two per cent more power and seven percent less fuel consumption. The 2010 Prius is rated at 3.8L/100km combined, better than the previous model's 4.1L/100km rating.

2010 Toyota Prius

Type: Mid-size hybrid sedan
Price: Not available
Engine: 2ZR-FXE 1.8-litre VVT-I DOHC four-cylinder with electric motor assist (134 hp / 105 lb-ft of torque)
HP: 3.7/4.0/3.8L/100km (city/hwy/comb)



The new 2010 Prius really sets itself apart with a totally revised and handsome driver-oriented layout.

Nissan roadster unveiled

DEBUT The 2010 Nissan 370Z roadster made its global debut at the recent New York auto show, wowing visitors with its classic open-air sports car looks.

The roadster shares its engine, transmissions, suspension, platform and most major components with the coupe.

The cutting-edge technology includes the standard 332-horsepower 3.7-litre DOHC V6 engine and choice of 7-speed automatic transmission or close-ratio six-speed manual with available SynchroRev Match — the world's first synchronized downshift rev matching manual transmission.

"The 370Z Roadster delivers the same exceptional performance offered in the Coupe and more refinement than any other Z convertible that has come before," said Jeff Parent, vice president of sales and marketing, Nissan Canada Inc. "Features such as its one-touch, auto-locking convertible top and beautifully crafted interior might be unexpected in a car this sporty."

The Z(R) Roadster is expected to be available in Canadian Nissan dealerships in late summer.

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When Porsche announced it was pulling out of most major auto shows, including February's Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto, it caused waves in the industry.

In an effort to thrill would-be customers into buying, the company decided to throw its full weight behind its World Roadshow, a travelling circus of Porsche vehicles and personnel that provides the ultimate test drive.

While this is the roadshow's 11th year, it's being held in Canada for the first time. The event kicked off last week at the Mosport International Raceway near Toronto and is scheduled to end this Friday.

The goal is to run 350 prospective buyers through a one-day program, in the hope, as one official put it, of spreading "the Porsche virus."

The program involves different activities, ranging from performance testing a 911 Turbo Cabriolet, to using a Cayman S or Boxster S around a slalom course, to off-road driving with a number of Cayenne models, and, of course, lapping Mosport's challenging



The Cayenne was among Porsche's fleet at the World Roadshow.

"(People) experience for themselves just what makes our vehicles so special."
Porsche Canada's Jasmin Rawlinson

four-km circuit.

The machines in use to pound around the road course are a great mix of models, from a basic-but-focused 911 C2S with sport-chrono package and six-speed manual, to a more relaxed 911 Targa 4 with PDK, Porsche's new twin-clutch automatic gearbox.

There was a full-on track-oriented Cayman S with body-hugging one-piece sport seats, PDK and carbon brakes that was a real favourite on media day, while the bright-copper

Cayenne GTS at the tail didn't hold anyone up, with the large SUV easily hitting 190 km/h up the Andretti Straight.

"The Porsche World Roadshow is a large, ambitious event," said Jasmin Rawlinson, Porsche Canada's director of marketing.

"Experience with the roadshow in other countries has proven the best way to sell Porsches is to put people behind the wheel. This way, they experience for themselves just what makes our vehicles so special."

Porsche Canada is hoping for to attract a good number of orders from the event, especially as "eighty-plus per cent of the people sent to the event have never owned a Porsche before," Laurance Yap, public relations manager for Porsche Canada, explains.



Porsche Canada allowed its would-be customers to test drive its models at the World Roadshow.

Daimler testing car2go

TESTING Daimler is bringing its innovative mobility concept to the U.S. by the fall of this year.

The first international pilot will start in the Texas capital Austin with an initial fleet of about 200 fuel-efficient smart fortwo cars.

Called car2go, it provides a simple, flexible, and cost-effective solution for city driving. The U.S. introduction coincides with the expansion of the pilot in Ulm, Germany, where the company opened the service to the public on March 26 after the internal test which started last October.

The car2go concept is based on a fleet of Smart fortwo vehicles which are available for rent to registered members at any time, 24/7, making city driving as easy as using a mobile phone.

Contrary to traditional car-sharing programs, car2go offers the freedom



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Sure, truck sales are off but an interesting thing is happening south of the border, and to a lesser extent here. Pickup truck sales (but not SUVs) are on the upswing.

As soon as the price of fuel started to drop, Americans began buying pickups again.

So it turns out it's the cost of fuel, not vehicle price, that's a determining factor in truck purchasing.

And, frankly, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper's federal infrastructure money starts flowing, people won't be hauling wallboard and cement mixers to the job site in Honda Civics. They're going to need a pickup.

However, there is still the uncertain cost of fuel. So the question is whether or not you can have your pickup cake and eat it too.

General Motors is alone in offering a full-size hybrid pickup that can tow up to 6,100 lb and get up to 9L/100 km on the highway. I know because I did it.

GM's green trucks are



The 2009 Chevrolet Silverado Hybrid full-size SUV saves up to 25 per cent on fuel consumption.

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based on the 2-Mode Hybrid System currently found in the GMC Yukon and Sierra, Chevrolet Tahoe and Silverado (tested here) and Cadillac Escalade.

This is a "full" hybrid system, in that it can operate on electric power, gasoline power or a combination of both for a claimed saving of up to 25 per cent.

While the GM Hybrid system is one of several affordable hybrid technologies, it is the most adaptable for large vehicles. In fact the 2-Mode hybrid system was adapted and refined from the hybrid technology GM has used in city buses since 2003. It is now the first hybrid system

used in a full-size SUV.

The Hybrid's drivetrain is the sum of three main components, each of which works together to provide seamless, economical and comfortable operation that goes virtually unnoticed by the driver and passengers.

The components are an Electrically Variable Transmission (EVT), an Energy Storage System (ESS) and the Vortec 6.0-litre Gen IV V8 engine with Active Fuel Management (AFM). The AFM allows it to run on only four cylinders for light-energy demands.

At all times, the 2-Mode Hybrid system collects torque-based data, decides it, and then determines the most fuel-efficient means of propelling the vehicle.

This results in a number

2009 Chevy Silverado 2-Mode Hybrid

Type: Full-size SUV

Price: Base, \$50,875. As tested, \$52,445 including \$1,300 shipping fee

Engine: 6.0-litre, DOHC V8/electric motor (332 hp, 367 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Affordable hybrid system for a pickup
- Many standard features

of ways to save fuel such as: engine off at idle; electric-only propulsion to 48 km/h in light load conditions; electric boosting during acceleration blends with engine power to save fuel; cutting off fuel to the engine during vehicle deceleration; active fuel management cylinder deactivation technology; and regenerative braking and engine speed and load control.

My tester was what you would call an Extended Cab "working truck" with cloth interiors and hard plastic trim.

The Silverado Hybrid has a fuel rating of 10.5L/100 km (27 mpg) city and 9.8L/100 km (29 mpg) highway.



Ford's MyKey will be a standard feature on the 2010 Focus.

Putting brakes on teen drivers

When your teenager takes out the family car, you may not always know where he is. But thanks to Ford's new MyKey system, you'll have a better idea of what he's doing.

Debating on the 2010 Focus and planned for several more models, MyKey is a no-charge standard feature that limits the car's top speed, prevents the traction control from being disabled, chimes warnings at pre-set speeds, encourages seatbelt use, and caps the volume on the audio system. It works through the message centre in the instrument cluster, and is invisible to drivers who don't want to use it.

Parents program keys through the ignition, turning them into "MyKey keys." These trigger the pre-set system when they're used to start the car, limiting what the vehicle will do.

One key always remains the "administrator," and is used to program others; it also lets parents operate the vehicle without limits. The MyKeys can be wiped clean or reprogrammed at any time, if desired. Any microchipped key can become a MyKey, whether it's one of the keys that comes with the car, or purchased from the dealer.

Starting the car with a MyKey always triggers

"Buckle up, watch your speed, and turn down the radio are the three things parents ask."

Ford's Kerri Stokley

three automatic defaults. The regular seatbelt reminder chimes, but the stereo won't work until the driver has buckled up, as well as any front-seat passenger. The low-fuel warning comes on at 120 km to empty, rather than the usual 80 km notice. And if the vehicle is equipped with special safety features such as Park Aid or the new Blind Spot Information System, these can't be disabled by the driver.

Beyond those, parents can also program in speed alert chimes at 72, 88 or 105 km/h; the inability to disable the traction control; a limit of 44 per cent of the stereo's volume; and a limited top speed of 130 km/h.

"Buckle up, watch your speed, and turn down the radio are the three things parents ask," said Kerri Stokley, Ford's communications manager Stokley. "So mom and dad might give more seat time with the system. It's a good reminder to children that they need to drive safely."

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Lincoln MKS tries younger look

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada



After almost a hundred years of automotive history, it's easy to equate Lincoln with luxury. Which carries its own dangers of design inertia and hidebound tradition. But Lincoln designers seem to be aware that "tradition should be a guide, not a jailer." Especially in the face of increased competition in the premium class.

Lincoln continues to try to reinvent itself to appeal to a younger audience and a wider swath of the marketplace.

It's not an easy process. It requires the compromise of pleasing your regular fans with the familiar, while simultaneously trying to attract new buyers with novelty and innovation. The latest end result of that blended process — the 2009 Lincoln MKS.

Central to the design, a striking double-wing grille, playing on Lincoln's traditional waterfall grille motif, angles to the jewel-

2009 Lincoln MKS

Type: Full-size premium sedan
Price: from \$47,799
Engine: 3.7-litre Duratec V6 (273 hp, 270 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Full suite of modern gadgetry
- Luxurious but trendy

styled headlamps that wrap around the vented front fascia and flow into a sharp crease along the high beltline.

That high beltline is emphasized by the sweep of windshield, the elevated rear deck, and the deep seating and high console inside the car.

In a new age of tall wagons, CUVs and other crossover hybrid styles, the MKS sits and feels very much like a traditional car, still typically North American in style and spirit. But, then again, this ain't exactly Grandpa's Lincoln.

A full suite of very modern available technologies includes:

The 2009 Lincoln MKS is taking the brand's design DNA into a new era.



- SYNC, a hands-free, voice-activated hands-free in-car communication and entertainment system developed by Ford and Microsoft. The system integrates Bluetooth-enabled cellphones, your iPod, or other digital media players.

- Intelligent Access with Push Button Start — a first for Lincoln — allows the driver to unlock the vehicle with the fob or touch the heat-sensitive keyless entry pad on the B-Pillar and start the engine with a push-button on the instrument panel.

As tested, my front-wheel-drive model behaved civilly enough, wrig-

gling with a little torque steer only under the hardest acceleration, pulling the MKS' somewhat porky

1872 kg (4127 lbs) of curb weight satisfactorily up to speed with a burly back-ground roar. Fuel economy



A palette of available interior colours and a long list of standard equipment are all found inside the 2009 Lincoln MKS.

numbers vary according to sources but we'll go with the optimistic Canadian Energuide ratings of 12.9/8.8L/100km (city/hwy).



Actress Jamie Lee Curtis poses with Honda's FCX Clarity.

Golf, FCX Clarity honoured

AWARD The all-new Volkswagen Golf edged out the Toyota iQ and the Ford Fiesta to bag the 2009 World Car of the Year title at the New York International Auto Show last week.

The sixth generation Golf made its first appearance at the Paris Motor Show last fall, and was unveiled in North America at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto this February.

The new Golf will be coming to Canada this fall

as a 2010 model.

Honda's FCX Clarity took home the eco-friendly honours in New York as it was named the 2009 World Green Car.

The FCX Clarity, a sleekly styled hydrogen fuel cell-powered sedan currently available on a limited lease-basis, is powered by an electric motor that runs on electricity generated by an on-board fuel cell stack.

The vehicle's only emission is water, and its fuel

efficiency is up to three times that of a modern gasoline-powered automobile and two times that of a gasoline-powered hybrid vehicle.

The World Green Car awards were inaugurated in 2003, and officially launched in January 2004, to reflect the reality of the global marketplace, as well as to recognize and reward automotive excellence on an international scale.

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Aztec exhibit

The British Museum in London will launch an exhibition called *Moctezuma: Aztec Ruler* on Sept. 24. One of the feature objects will be this turquoise mosaic and cedar wood mask from Mexico, which dates from the 15-16th century AD. Visit britishmuseum.org.

REUTERS



Exploring the Scottish countryside

Nature a magnificent backdrop to getaway

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News



If a rugged wilderness with golden eagles soaring overhead and expansive mountain ranges sounds like a setting that's only on offer in North America, maybe it's time for you to experience the natural magnificence of rural Scotland.

Your adventure should start in London when you board the Caledonian Sleeper train. This overnight train is a magical experience — you step on at London's hectic Euston Station, have a few beers in the bar carriage as you pass through England, put your head down in your cozy bunk, and when you're woken up with a cup of tea at 6 a.m., you find yourself in the wide-open Scottish countryside.

Our destination was Forest Lodge, a Victorian-era

hunting lodge on the Atholl estate in Perthshire, in the heart of Scotland. The estate is also home to Blair Castle, which comes complete with suits of armour and hallways full of antlers, and is base to Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders.

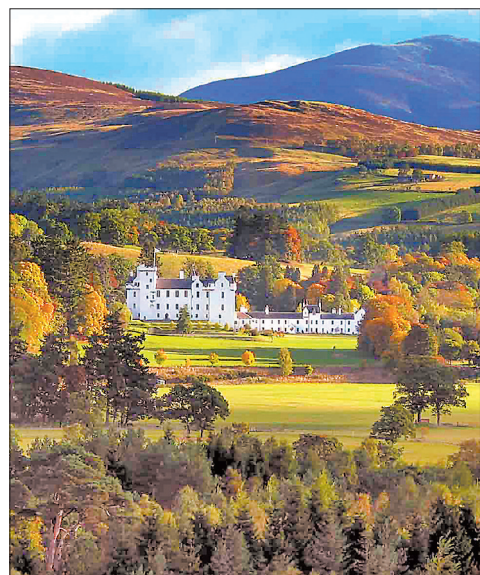
We got out in picturesque Pitlochry — where we had to wait for the local taxi company to deliver kids to school before driving us 40 minutes through the snow to the lodge.

Forest Lodge is like something out of an Agatha Christie movie, a huge white house nestled in the crook of the valley. Inside there are comfortable bedrooms, a dining room with a banquet table for 20, a huge kitchen with a larder, and a living room with plump sofas, tartan curtains and an open fire.

There's even a gun room and a drying room where you can air your wet coat



Left, on a riding adventure on the Atholl estate in Perthshire. Right, a view of Blair Castle.



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Rural retreat

The Lodge

• Book Forest Lodge through Atholl Estates. There are lodges sleeping different numbers, all work out to around \$130 each for three nights; atholl-estates.co.uk.

Getting there

• Book the Caledonian Sleeper from London at sco-trail.co.uk. You can get a discount for a group booking (for

about \$270 a head), or keep an eye out for the "bargain berths" — each month 1,200 single tickets are released from £35 apiece.

Food delivery

• Local grocers Tilt Stores will source whatever you need, from fresh produce to wine and locally-sourced meat, tel. 01796 481 206.

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and your walking boots after a romp round the countryside. This is an aristocratic weekend without the price tag — the cost of accommodation and food is small when shared, and there's nowhere to squander your hard-earned cash on fancy restaurants, expensive pubs or silly souvenirs.

There is no mobile

phone reception, just an ancient payphone with a crackly line, so you are forced to completely switch off.

It pays to plan ahead — there's no way to pop out for milk here. Calculate who's cooking what and you can have exactly what you need delivered by local grocers Tilt Stores. We arrived to find a larder burst-

ing with fresh fruit, vegetables, meat reared on local farms, wine, and even some welcome snacks including shortbread and tablet, a sweet and tasty type of Scottish fudge that hits the spot when you've just hit the one of the local summits.

Deer hunting is a popular activity here — it's also essential for controlling numbers — but we chose a daily hike up the mountains instead.

Armed with an Ordnance Survey map that marks every contour of every elevation, we set off to conquer the nearby munro, the name for a Scottish mountain with a height over 910 metres. Hiking fanatics call it "munro bagging" as they try to tick all 284 munros off their list, but one was more than enough for us novices. The two-hour trek

to the top is rewarded with a plateau with mountains stretching for as far as the eye can see.

As well as eagles and grouse, there were flashing white tails of mountain hares darting away, and a huge herd of deer led up a ridge by a stately stag silhouetted against a radiant pink sunset.

After all that fresh air, it's time for for haggis canapés in the lounge, then a four-course banquet of smoked salmon, local lamb and pudding followed by port and cheese.

It would be difficult to leave this place at the end of the weekend, were it not for the fact that going back to London is also part of the adventure — after a full day admiring icicles in the river of the glen, we had another night of sleeper-train fun to keep us in good spirits.

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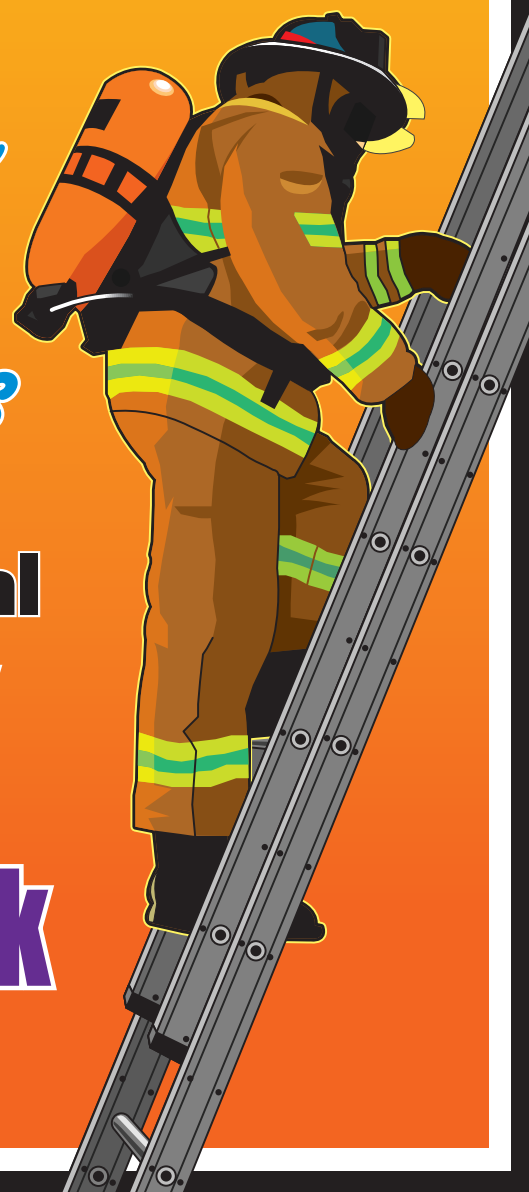
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CityCenter, a \$9 billion development that was to become a 67-acre mini-metropolis of condominiums, hotels, shops and casinos in the middle of the Las Vegas Strip, is facing a funding crunch and an unclear future. **REUTERS**

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A selection of spiritual journeys

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From the tops of Machu Picchu, to the rose-red rock of Petra's canyon-like Siq, to the divinely-inspired churches of northern Ethiopia, there are plenty of places on earth that inspire. If you're looking for a holiday with a spiritual element, here are a few suggestions:

Korean retreat

Live like a monk at the Lotus Lantern International Meditation Centre. Located two hours from Seoul, this 12-year-old Buddhist temple was designed for foreigners looking to study the religious philosophy of Zen Buddhism. Visitors sleep on traditional Korean cots, wake up at the crack of dawn (3:45 a.m., to be exact), slip into itchy grey training suits, eat simple food, wash their own dishes



Rishikesh, a holy city in northern India, draws Babas, such as the one above, Hindu pilgrims and tourists looking for meaning.

es and meditate many times a day.

Sun rise in Namibia

Bordering South Africa and Botswana, Namibia is where the Atlantic Ocean meets the desert, and where rich wildlife and traditional African culture meet some of the world's most stunning sunrises. A popular tourist activity is climbing up Dune 45, one of Namibia's many natural sand castles. The hike along the ridge isn't easy, but it's all worthwhile

when you see the sun's warm, orange light illuminate the 80-million-year-old Namib Desert.

Get enlightened in India

Rishikesh, a holy city in northern India, is a place many travellers go to find themselves. It's a wildly popular spot on the banks of the Ganges River that draws Hindu pilgrims, new-age hippies, young Israeli backpackers and wise Babas who spend their days in the lotus position. Located some 200 kilometres

from Delhi, this self-proclaimed yoga capital of the world is packed with meditation centres, ashrams, Ayurvedic massage parlours, vegetarian restaurants and spiritual communities. With its nightly ceremonies along the river and vibe of collective spirituality, there's something magical about Rishikesh.

Fountain of youth

For a look at the cradle of Incan civilization and a taste of her sacred waters, head to Isla del Sol on the shores of Bolivia's sacred Lake Titicaca. On the south end of the island, walk up 200 steps to a sacred spring that's said to be the fountain of youth. A sip of the water is not only refreshing, it's an important part of Incan tradition. Lake Titicaca is also the highest navigable body of water in world — which means you may have difficulty differentiating between your own spiritual enlightenment and good old-fashion altitude sickness.

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Quick recovery for Madonna

Don't worry about Madonna, who fell off a horse in the Hamptons over the weekend. Her trainer Tracy Anderson told Usmagazine.com that the singer will be back in the gym today. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Entertainment

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Earth hits big screen

New doc an impressive companion piece to BBC series

Earth

Director: Alastair Fothergill, Mark Linefield

Stars: James Earl Jones and a variety of cuddly animals

Classification: G

Rating: ⓂⓂⓂ

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Filmed at the same time as the BBC series Planet Earth, Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linefield's Earth is a remarkable achievement of nature documentary filmmaking.

The movie is filled with the beautiful cinematography that defined Planet Earth even if it isn't quite as intellectually satisfying.

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It is impossible to watch Earth without comparing it to its predecessor, and while the confines of a 90-minute movie funded by Disney prevents the filmmakers from capturing the depth of the series, this is still an impressive companion piece that demands to be seen on the big screen.

The longer running time and family-focus of this feature forced the filmmakers to construct a narrative out of the footage captured for Earth. Fothergill and Linefield have structured their film around three families of animals (polar bears,

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whales, and elephants) embarking on epic journeys across their natural habitats.

The narrative device works, but limits what the filmmakers are able to explore thematically and the animals are given human qualities in a manner that creates unfavorable comparisons to March Of The Penguins. It's an outdated nature documentary technique that hurts the film ever so slightly, but can

probably be attributed to Disney's involvement in the project and not the filmmakers.

Despite a questionable storytelling device, Earth is still a remarkable achievement. The stunning high definition photography that sold countless copies of Planet Earth Blu-rays really comes alive on the big screen.

This is a film that simply must be seen in a theater and will hopefully find a

Foot Chase

Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford is apparently ready to star in a remake of Footloose, but the producers are having trouble scheduling it around the filming of his television work. ONLINE.COM



A male Superb Bird of Paradise displays its feathers to attract a mate in the new documentary Earth.

wider audience than most nature documentaries. James Earl Jones' commanding voice provides the narration that links the movie together (oddly Patrick Stewart narrated the movie in Europe, but not here) and just might cause audiences

to burst into applause when he utters "the circle of life." Though hardly perfect and less impressive than it's small screen predecessor, Earth is still a wonderful film sure to please family audiences tired of the usual Zac Efron tripe.

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	36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Lie to Me "Better Half"		American Idol	Fox First
prime time	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order
	29	29	29	NW	World News	Business	CBC News	Newman	Planet Earth		CBC News: The National	National
	4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	CBC News	Ask This Old	Secrets of the Dead (N)		Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures (N)	Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures (N)
	35	35	35	PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Worldfocus	Secrets of the Dead (N)			Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures (N)	
	68	68	68	TQS	Rire et délire	Chemin du golf	Loft Story	La Maison de	Le Mur "Hole in the Wall"		Drôle et sexy	Californication
	23	23	23	BNN	Business News	Headline	Market Call	Commodities	Workopolis TV	Business News	Squeeze Play	Market Call
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Lou Dobbs Tonight			Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	The Golf Fix	19th Hole (N)	19th Hole (N)	Top 10	Haney Project	Haney Project
	52	52	52	RSE	Hockey Central	Jays	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.		Score Update		Score Update	Sportsnet Con.
	55	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	Aussie Millions '09		Score Update		Score Update	Score Tonight
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	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey: Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Game 4 -- Capitals at Rangers		Special Forces: Untold Stories		SportsCentre	NHL Hockey
	43	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek
	44	44	44	TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken
	26	26	26	TREE	Wonder Pets	Kid & Small	Backyardigans	Night Grdn	Max & Ruby	Toot & Puddle	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos
	27	27	27	TYT	True Jackson	iCarly	In Real Life "E.R."		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Karaoke Star Junior	Comfy Couch
	16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Nailed"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)		Canadian Geographic		Journey: Paddle-Quatsun	500 Nations (Part 4 of 8)	Miywaywin	
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (Live)		The Achievers	Landscape	Arts & Minds	Bravo/Videos	Wingfield	Wingfield
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		CMIT's Greatest Videos	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba
sports	25	25	25	CMT	All About ...	All About ...	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops Uncut		Dumb Criminal	
	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	World's Wildest Police Videos		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
	153	153	153	COURT	Struggle for Justice		Daily Planet (N)		Big City Broker		The Stagers	
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Life After People		Hooking Up	
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	19	19	19	MMM	mtmpt10.ca		The Daily Fix				Gimme Sugar	Gimme Sugar
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	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	House-Payne	House-Payne	Crimson Tide *** (1995, Suspense)		Bless the Child * (2000, Suspense)	
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	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Star Trek: Voyager	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
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	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 "Sentinel"		Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	CSI: Crime Scene Investgnt.		UFC Unleashed	Ult. Fighter
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Investgnt.		TMZ (N)	etalk	100 Sexiest Stars	Tonight Show
	57	57	57	STARS	etalk	Hollywood	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		Jon & Kate Plus 8 Go Green!		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Mystery Diagnosis		Ad Persuasion	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy
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	60	60	60	97 VIVA	Mysterious Ways		Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Supersize vs. Superskinny	Stuck (N)
	22	22	22	W	Style by Jory		Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	WGN News
	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)		90210 (HDTV)	

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Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

In his book "Cook With Jamie," subtitled "My Guide to Making You a Better Cook," British superstar chef Jamie Oliver emphasizes the importance of using ingredients that are natural, organic and wherever possible, locally produced. Anna and Kristina do what they always do — try to make recipes from the cookbook come out as they should — and also weigh in on whether the higher cost of organic food is worth it. 9 PM on W



Criminal Minds

Trying to hold a family together while reviewing a series of child abductions and murders, Rossi and Hotchner (Joe Mantegna, Thomas Gibson) and the rest of the team realize that one of the cases may not actually be the work of the serial killer they arrested. John Allen Nelson and Gretchen Egoft guest star in the new episode "A Shade of Gray," 8 PM on CJCH; 11 PM on CBS

Law & Order

After a plaintiff in a long-delayed class action lawsuit against an airline is found shot to death in his car, Detectives Lupo and Bernard's (Jeremy Sisto, Anthony Anderson) investigation leads them to a ruthless attorney (guest star Dallas Roberts) who represents other plaintiffs the victim may have been trying to cut out of the settlement. 9 PM on NBC



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Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, who starred in *Fantastic Four*, and his English wife, actress Alice Evans, are expecting a baby, his rep confirms to *People*. This will be the first child for the couple. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Kanye's naked pics no shoe ad

SCANDAL The pictures of Kanye West and his naked girlfriend, Amber Rose are not for a Louis Vuitton campaign, as originally thought, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Last week, the rapper's personal images surfaced on the Internet, with reports quick to suggest that it was part of West's campaign for his range of Louis Vuitton sneakers.

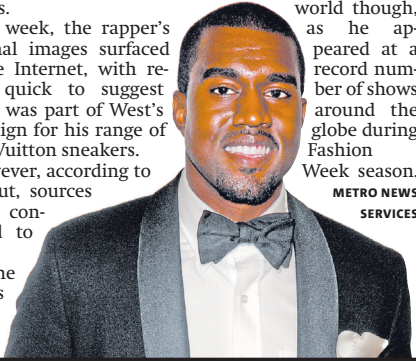
However, according to *The Cut*, sources have confirmed to them that the images are not

part of any campaign for the fashion house.

West's desire to ditch music for designing seems to be gaining momentum

in the fashion world though, as he appeared at a record number of shows around the globe during Fashion Week season.

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Lindsay goes burlesque?

CAREER Lindsay Lohan has sparked rumours she's signed on to appear in a new topless Las Vegas stage act, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star, 22, reportedly flew to Sin City on Saturday to attend the grand opening of sexy

striptease production *Peepshow* and meet with its creator, Broadway director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell.

Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown kicked off her stint in the show last week, which

features celebrities in rotating lead roles.

According to Fox News, Lohan is in talks with Mitchell to take over from actress Kelly Monaco when the star leaves the show to return to U.S. soap opera *General Hospital*.

A spokesperson for Lohan had not returned requests for comment.

Lohan has seen her acting career almost disappear in the last 12 months, with her last movie, *I Know Who Killed Me*, universally panned; Lohan's performance garnered her a Razzie. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Farrah's son exaggerates: Pal

PEOPLE Farrah Fawcett's best friend Alana Stewart has dismissed claims made by the actress' son in court, telling a judge his mom's cancer problems had reduced her to a skeletal 86 pounds, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Redmond O'Neal made the shocking claim in court last week during a hearing stemming from drug charges against him, but Stewart insists the 24-year-old is mistaken.

She tells people.com, "Farrah is not 86 pounds. Redmond is young and overreacted a little. Farrah

has lost weight, but not that much."

Stewart has revealed Fawcett is planning to pay back O'Neal's father — her ex Ryan — for all his support by hosting a 68th birthday party for the actor on Monday night.

Stewart adds, "Ryan has really been there for Farrah in such a wonderful way." She also insists her can-

cer-stricken pal is on the path to recovery following a hospital stay at the beginning of the month.

She explains, "I just saw her ... She had colour in her face and was talking and laughing."

Fawcett was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital for internal bleeding not directly related to her cancer.

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Life at the Affleck-Garner home

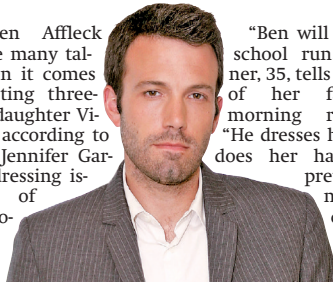
FAMILY Ben Affleck may have many talents when it comes to parenting three-year-old daughter Violet, but according to his wife Jennifer Garner, hairdressing isn't one of them, people.com reports.

"Ben will do the school run," Garner, 35, tells *InStyle* of her family's morning routine. "He dresses her and does her hair. It's pretty funny. You can always tell

when he has been at it, just two random barrettes hanging in there. It's so sweet."

Adds Garner: "Ben can be pretty clueless when it comes to my clothes or makeup. But when he does notice and says something, he's so sweet that I forgive him."

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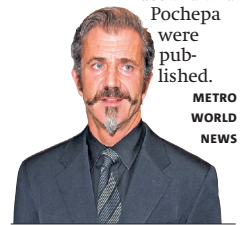
Mel's lover keeps steamy sex diary?

RUMOUR The woman claiming to be Mel Gibson's mistress, Russian singer Oksana Pochepa, reportedly keeps a diary of all her sexual activity — and isn't shy about sharing it.

"She once showed me the diary and I could barely believe it," a source tells the *Sun*. "Sex is the main thing for her." It's been reported that Gibson's wife filed for divorce after steamy pictures of her

husband and Pochepa were published.

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JT and Jessica still together

RELATIONSHIP Ever since Justin Timberlake was spotted "very much acting like a single guy" at Kate Hudson's star-studded 30th birthday party over the weekend, according to *Us Weekly*, rumors have been swirling that he and girlfriend Jessica Biel have split up.

But friends of the couple say that couldn't be further from the truth. "They have not split," a source says, according to *Hollyscoop*.

Another adds: "Things are very good with them."

They do things separately sometimes."

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Swayze 'kicking butt'

ILLNESS Whoopi Goldberg tells *usmagazine.com* her cancer-stricken *Ghost* co-star Patrick Swayze is "doing the best he can."

"He's kicking butt," she said. "And, you know, he's sick. And he, like the rest of us, doesn't know when it's going to happen — because it will happen, that he is going to go — but he doesn't know when or where."

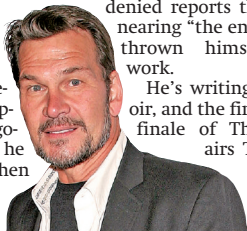
"His attitude is,

why wait for it to happen?" she went on. "So he's busy as hell."

Since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer more than a year ago, the 56-year-old actor — who denied reports that he is nearing "the end" — has thrown himself into work.

He's writing a memoir, and the first season finale of *The Beast* airs Thursday.

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Chinese ire over Chan's comments

OPINION Jackie Chan has been facing a good deal of backlash in his native country for comments he made last week at a business forum in Hainan, a southern Chinese island, according to *MSNBC*.

"I'm not sure if it's good to have freedom or not. If you're too free, you're like the way Hong

Kong is now. It's very chaotic. Taiwan is also chaotic."

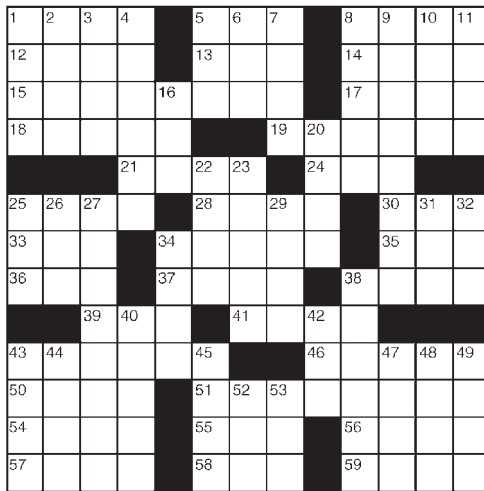
"I'm gradually beginning to feel that we Chinese need to be controlled. If we're not being controlled, we'll just do what we want," Chan said.

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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Overly theatrical
5 Pitcher's chapeau
8 Memo writer's "Now!"
12 Eastern bigwig
13 Actor Tognazzi
14 "Monopoly" pair
15 Buck
17 Bullets
18 Switchblade
19 Wet
21 Notion
24 Work with
25 Equitable
28 Culture medium
30 Eve, originally
33 "— Lay Dying"
34 Eugene O'Neill specialty

Crossword down

- 1 Barrel
2 Infamous Idi
3 "La Boheme" role
4 Gain
5 Prompt
6 Earlier
7 Frogs' hangout
8 Either of two presidents
9 One with a silly smile
10 Pinnacle
11 Laborer
16 Started
20 Emanation
22 Have coming
23 Marble variety
25 Poke
26 Dos Passos trilogy

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



7	9	4	6	1	3	5	8	2
6	3	8	9	2	5	1	4	7
1	2	5	4	8	7	9	3	6
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5	6	9	7	4	1	8	2	3
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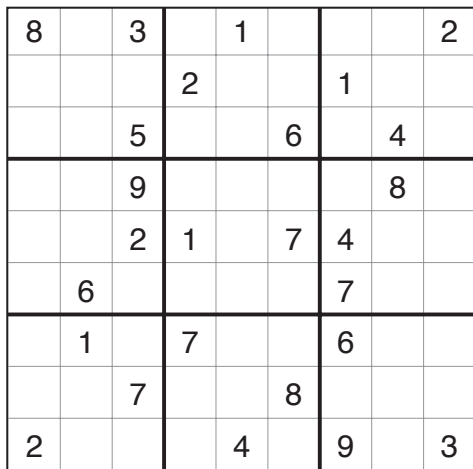
Under 13 minGenius
13-17 minScholar

17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ minKeep practising

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



Metro Recipe of the Day



Pork with Mustard Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tsp (5 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
4 boneless pork loin chops, 3/4 in. (2 cm) thick, trimmed of all fat
4 tbsp (60 mL) dry white wine or vermouth
1 garlic clove, minced
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken or vegetable stock
2 tsp (10 mL) cornstarch mixed with 1 tbsp (15 mL) water
1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh tarragon
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh chives

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add pork chops and fry until brown, 3 minutes per side. Transfer to plate; set aside and keep warm.

2. Add wine or vermouth to pan with garlic and let bubble briefly. Pour in stock and boil 2 minutes. Stir together cornstarch mixture and sour cream until smooth. Add to hot cooking liquid, stirring well. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth, 2 minutes. Stir in mustard and tarragon and season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Return pork chops to sauce in the pan. Reduce heat to low, cover pan, and simmer until chops are cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Arrange pork chops on warm plates and spoon sauce over. Garnish with chives.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone wants to protest but won't. You'll find out who has too much to do. A mysterious woman becomes cynical.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Plans are made but somebody is going to leave early. Refuse to wear yourself out for anyone. You'll be told things that you should already know.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Happiness is found by someone in love. You'll work behind the scenes. Keep an open mind when you kick off a debate.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't be stubborn if you want to change your mind. Something complex sets off emotional responses. Things will work out for the best.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll get credit for something you didn't do. Demanding people strongly affect your mood. Don't focus on a thoughtless remark.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll benefit from good luck. Don't strain the patience of a close friend. A determined stranger appears to be triumphant.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
People want to know what needs to be done. It's time to be a visionary. Use your common sense.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
An acquaintance is moody about attention-grabbing. An expert understands your feelings. A victim makes an admission of guilt.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone wants to change your life. A frantic woman makes a phone call. You're not sure if something is true.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Prepare for a change after a friend offers support. A pitiless challenger won't panic. Budgeting could result in success.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A player supplies some sensible advice. Someone makes you lose time. A rebel enjoys a truth-seeking session.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Obligations are questioned by someone with concerns. Provide support during a health crisis. Don't cringe about a money problem.

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WORDY GURDY

BY TRUCKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

1. Be taken in by a falsehood (1)
2. Actor Gyllenhaal's pains (1)
3. British bar vittles (1)
4. "Down East" precipitation (1)
5. "French" pooch margin scribble (2)
6. Actor Keanu flings with effort (1)
7. Walking unsteadily while fusing metals (3)

ANSWERS: 1. HOED, BAIT 2. GAGE, AFFRO 3. ELI, TIRIS 4. STAGNATE, GARS 5. GOD, DOABLE 6. GAMER, BIRD 7. OVID, PENTAGON 8. BOT, TILTS 9. ANI, INTAGLIO 10. SLUG, TILE 11. LEASH, SONOFA 12. SEA, AKIN 13. GUT, TENTAG 14. NINA, FTA 15. COIA, KEEL 16. RAG, EWER

This day in history

- APRIL 22, 1864: The U.S. Congress passes the Coinage Act which mandates that the inscription "In God We Trust" be placed on all coins minted as United States currency.
APRIL 22, 1983: The German magazine, Der Stern claims that Adolf Hitler's diaries were found in wreckage in East Germany.
APRIL 22, 1970: First Earth Day celebrated.
APRIL 22, 1993: The Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC is dedicated.
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